

MEMORIAL DAY 2019

THE AMERICAN Legion

\$2.50 MAY 2019

www.legion.org

The magazine for a strong America

HONOR & REMEMBRANCE

THE LEGION'S COMMITMENT
TO THE FALLEN

Trump's tariff gambit

At rest in the Grand Canyon



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY SINCE 1919



Such sacrifice
through valor made,

A debt too deep
to be repaid,

From their courage
freedom born,

To remember them
the poppy worn.



~ BRAND NEW 2019 RELEASE ~ THE 1 OUNCE 24K GOLD AMERICAN BUFFALO



- » 1 OZ. PURE 24K GOLD
- » STRUCK AT THE WEST POINT MINT
- » CERTIFIED MUSEUM QUALITY MS70 GRADE

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

2019 BRAND NEW RELEASE AMERICAN EAGLES



\$5 GOLD

AS LOW AS

\$115.00

MINIMUM ORDER 5 COINS



\$1 SILVER

AS LOW AS

\$15.00

MINIMUM ORDER 5 COINS



*As low as price is available with purchase of certified Gold Buffalo. Price otherwise, add \$25 for Gold and add \$4 for Silver. Price subject to change due to volatility. Add \$12-\$24 for shipping and insurance. Gold and silver coin limits are at our discretion.





Legion

contents

May 2019 • Vol. 186, No. 5

20 Trump's Tariff Gambit

History suggests the pathway to fair trade is free trade. *By Alan W. Dowd*

ON THE COVER

28 A Contract Fulfilled

For 90 years, John Ivens American Legion Post 42 has watched over the historic Grand Canyon Pioneer Cemetery. *By Henry Howard* Cover photo by Lucas Carter

30 Honor & Remembrance

From the beginning, The American Legion's priority has been "to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars."

RUN TO THE THUNDER

Oscar Wiygul, right, honors prisoners of war and missing servicemembers during the American Legion Riders' Run to the Thunder event at Post 177 in Fairfax, Va., on May 25, 2018. Post 177 is again serving as a hub for various Rolling Thunder events during Memorial Day weekend, including an escorted ride to the candlelight vigil at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery, and Run to the Thunder on Sunday morning. The post asks all American Legion Riders planning on attending to register. There is no fee, but a \$10 option is available to help defray costs.

Go to alrrollingthunder.com to learn more. Photo by Cheryl Diaz Meyer

5 Vet Voice

8 Commander's Message

10 I Am The American Legion

12 Big Issues

14 Living Well

18 Veterans Update

40 Rapid Fire

54 Comrades

56 Parting Shots



The American Legion Magazine, a leader among national general-interest publications, is published monthly by The American Legion for its 2 million members. These wartime veterans, working through 13,000 community-level posts, dedicate themselves to God and Country and traditional American values; strong national security; adequate and compassionate care for veterans, their widows and orphans; community service; and the wholesome development of our nation's youth.

DIAGNOSED WITH MESOTHELIOMA?

IT'S TIME TO
RETURN FIRE.
TURN TO A
FELLOW VETERAN.



As former Marines and sailors, we served together yesterday. As seasoned attorneys, my firm and I will fight for you today. Attorneys at Coady Law Firm have successfully represented veterans in mesothelioma claims nationwide for more than two decades. We've helped veterans understand their rights—and secured millions for their families in just compensation.

Trust in the experience and commitment of a shipmate who served with you. Contact the Coady Law Firm. Receive a **FREE**, no-obligation consultation.



Bud Coady

*Harvard, 1979
USMC, 1979-89, 1991
Gulf War Veteran
Attorney at Law*

\$30 Billion

**FROM U.S. COMPENSATION
TRUST FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR
VETERANS WHO QUALIFY**

**Call 1-888-802-MESO (6376)
TO DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY.**

75 Arlington Street, Suite 500 • Boston, MA 02116 • Web: www.coadylaw.com



The Perfect Addition To Any Garden!

Solar Garden Squirrel

**SOLAR
POWERED**



Daytime Decor

**Absorbs
Sunlight
All Day...
Sheds
Light All
Night**

Nighttime
Lighting



was ~~\$19.99~~
SAVE \$7.00
off original price

Now
Only **\$12.99**

**Hand
Painted
Details
Look So
Life Like,
You'll Think
It's Real!**

**No Wires!
No Cords!
No Problem!**

FREE SHIPPING & HANDLING when buying 2 or more

Connect with
DreamProducts.com
(website offers may vary)

**Receive A FREE SURPRISE GIFT
With Every Order!**
Satisfaction Guaranteed or Return For Your Money Back

1-800-530-2689
(Order Now Toll-Free)

A Squirrel You'll Go Nuts For! Adorable squirrel is the perfect addition to any garden, flower bed or yard. He sits on top of his stake, keeping a watchful eye while enjoying a healthy snack. Approx. 4.5" x 4.5", squirrel charges by the sun all day, casting a full body glow at night, adding elegant lighting to your yard. Crafted of hand painted, weather-resistant poly resin, and comes with a 10.5" tall stake that can easily be placed anywhere.

Solar Garden Squirrel	
Item #87126	
____ Solar Garden Squirrel(s) @ \$12.99	\$
CA residents must add 7.25% sales tax	\$
Regular Shipping & Handling Add \$4.95 1st item FREE Shipping & Handling when buying 2 or more	\$
☒ FOR EXPEDITED SHIPPING (optional) Add An Additional \$2.95 (receive your order 5-7 days from shipment)	\$ 2.95
Please Print Clearly	TOTAL \$
☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover@/NOVUS SM Cards Card# _____ Exp. Date ____/____ _____ Name _____ Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____ Daytime Phone # _____ Dept. 77020 Email _____	

Check or money order payable to: **Dream Products, Inc.**
Send Order To: 412 Dream Lane, Van Nuys, CA 91496

THE AMERICAN Legion MAGAZINE

NATIONAL COMMANDER Brett P. Reistad
PUBLISHER The American Legion
EDITOR Jeff Stoffer
DEPUTY DIRECTOR Henry Howard
OF MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS Matt Grills
MANAGING EDITOR Laura Edwards
ASSOCIATE EDITOR Julie Campbell
ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR Katherine Chrisman
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Steven B. Brooks
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR Cameran Richardson
DISPATCH EDITOR Andy Proffett
ASSISTANT WEB EDITOR Holly K. Soria
VISUAL TEAM MANAGER Celesta Torok-Lee
MEDIA DESIGN SPECIALIST Lucas Carter
SR. VISUAL MEDIA SPECIALIST Schelly Stone
VISUAL MEDIA SPECIALISTS Josh Marshall
PRODUCTION MANAGER Tony Heath
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR Alan W. Dowd

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN Walter W. Ivie, Austin, Texas
VICE CHAIRMAN James C. Morris, Cardington, Ohio
CONSULTANTS Rodger A. Bennett, Shawville, Ill.
Robert A. Corrigan, Bronx, N.Y.
Albert W. Coughlin, Park Ridge, Ill.
Jerilyn Strande, Cottonwood, Ariz.
MEMBERS Richard A. Baxter, Palisade, Neb.
John R. Buckwalter, Kirksville, Mo.
Jeffrey K. Crouser, Dover, Del.
Thomas A. Fernlund, St. Cloud, Minn.
C. Jacob Greeling, Bella Vista, Ark.
Paul L. Greer, Leesville, La.
Berley Hanna Jr., Somerset, N.J.
James A. Johnson, Gordo, Ala.
Paul M. Kennedy, Pittsburgh
Doug Malin, West Haverstraw, N.Y.
Susan B. Mason, Sorrento, Fla.
Michele A. Deems, Nemacolin, Pa.
Dean M. Noechel, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Silas M. Noel, Frankfort, Ky.
Norman J. Nuismer, Nashville, Tenn.
Willis J. Pritchard, Oakes, N.D.
Raymond J. Samko, Worcester, Mass.
Richard Schloendorn, Scranton, Pa.
David L. Sharber, Mount Vernon, Ind.
Everett G. Shepard, III, Woodstock, Conn.
George J. Sinkewitz, Huntington, W.Va.
David F. Wallace, Alexandria, Va.
Frank C. Ward, Greer, S.C.
Mark A. Weinmann, Canton, S.D.
Danny K. Wiley, Leavenworth, Kan.
Robert F. Woodruff, Marietta, Ga.
NEC LIAISON Charles K. Robbins, Toms River, N.J.
COMMITTEE Judith S. Beischel, Fountain Hills, Ariz.
Joseph M. Flynn, Oak Grove, Ky.
Angel O. Narvaez-Negron, Carolina, Puerto Rico

ADVERTISING

ADVERTISING MANAGER Diane Andretti
ASSISTANT ADVERTISING MANAGER Chris Elliot

CONTACT The American Legion Magazine
P.O. Box 7068
Indianapolis, IN 46207
ADVERTISING SALES James G. Elliott
Company, Inc.
(917) 421-9055
NEW YORK (312) 348-1206
DETROIT (312) 348-1206
CHICAGO (213) 596-7215
LOS ANGELES

Copyright 2019 by The American Legion

The American Legion (ISSN 0886-1234) is published monthly by The American Legion, 5745 Lee Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216. Periodicals postage paid at Indianapolis, IN 46204 and additional mailing offices.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The American Legion, Data Services, P.O. Box 1954, Indianapolis, IN 46206.
Canada Post International Publications Mail (Canadian Distribution) Sales Agreement No. PM40063731. Return Undeliverable Canadian Addresses to: Station A, P.O. Box, Windsor ON N9A 6J5. Re-entered second-class mail matter at Manila Central Post Office dated Dec. 22, 1991.



Printed in USA
Member Audit Bureau of Circulations

The Magazine for a Strong America

HOW TO CONTACT US

ADDRESS CHANGES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

For change of address by mail, attach old address label, provide new address and membership number

CUSTOMER SERVICE

(800) 433-3318
cs@legion.org
The American Legion
Data Services
P.O. Box 1954
Indianapolis, IN 46206
magazine@legion.org

MAGAZINE

ARTICLE PROPOSALS
www.legiontown.org/share
(317) 630-1272

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
(317) 630-1200
700 N. Pennsylvania St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

EMAIL
magazine@legion.org

TELEPHONE
(317) 630-1298

WEBSITE
www.legion.org

SUBSCRIPTIONS
Free with membership
Non-members: \$15
Foreign: \$21
Post-sponsored and widows: \$6
Single copies: \$3.50

MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION

Veterans who served at least one day of active military duty during wartime, or are serving now, are potentially eligible for membership in The American Legion. Members must have been honorably discharged or still serving honorably.

ELIGIBILITY
DATES OF MILITARY SERVICE
Aug 2, 1990 – current
Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990
Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955
Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946
April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918
(Merchant Marines who served from Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946, are also eligible.)

TO JOIN
Membership Division
membership@legion.org
(317) 630-1321
www.legion.org

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION (202) 263-5759
va&r@legion.org
VETERANS EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT (202) 263-5771
ve&e@legion.org
FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK (800) 504-4098
familysupport@legion.org
NATIONAL SECURITY (202) 861-2700
ns@legion.org
LEGISLATIVE (202) 263-5752
legislative@legion.org
CITIZENS FLAG ALLIANCE (317) 630-1384
cfa@cfa-inc.org
www.legion.org/flag
LEGION RIDERS (317) 630-1265
www.legion.org/riders
legionriders@legion.org
AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL (317) 630-1249
baseball@legion.org
www.legion.org/baseball
BOYS NATION (317) 630-1207
boysstate-nation@legion.org
JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS (317) 630-1249
juniorshooting@legion.org
NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST (317) 630-1376
oratorical@legion.org
USAA (877) 699-2654
www.usaa.com/legion

SCHOLARSHIPS & CHARITABLE TRUSTS

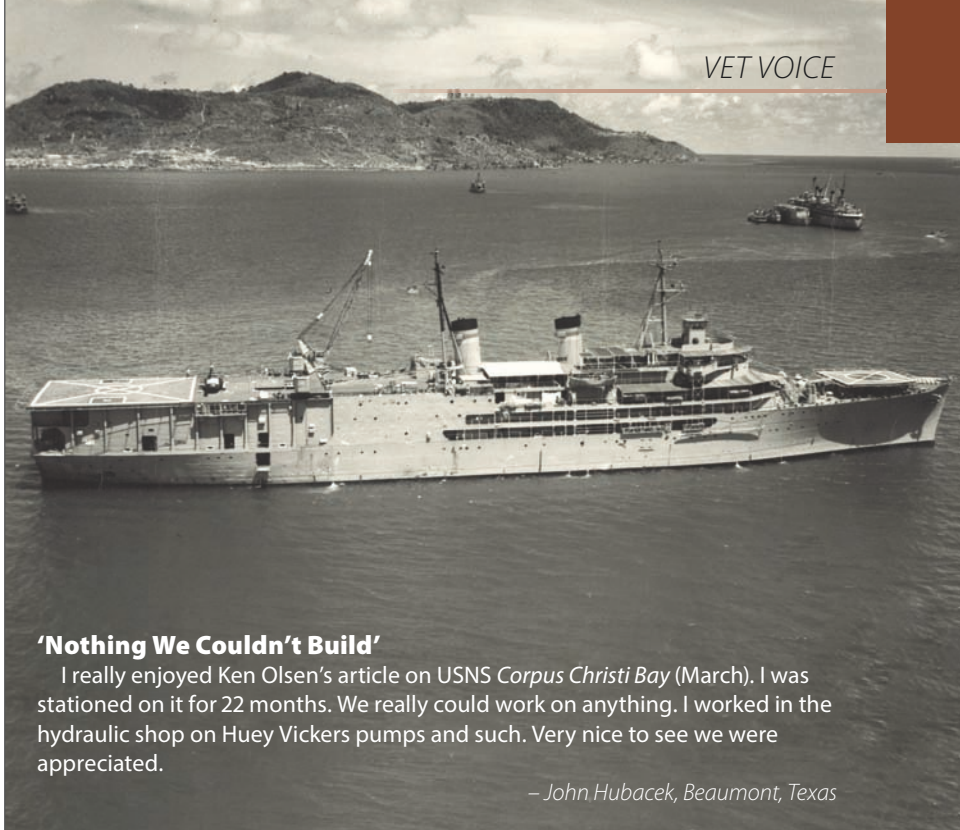
AMERICAN LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP (317) 630-1212
scholarships@legion.org
AMERICAN LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND (317) 630-1202
www.cwvf-inc.org
CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION (317) 630-1376
ia@legion.org
NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

AMERICAN LEGION MERCHANDISE

ORDER PLACEMENT AND CATALOG REQUESTS
(888) 453-4466
emblem.legion.org
emblem@legion.org

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY (317) 569-4500
www.legion.org/auxiliary
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (317) 630-1205
www.legion.org/sons



'Nothing We Couldn't Build'

I really enjoyed Ken Olsen's article on USNS *Corpus Christi Bay* (March). I was stationed on it for 22 months. We really could work on anything. I worked in the hydraulic shop on Huey Vickers pumps and such. Very nice to see we were appreciated.

— John Hubacek, Beaumont, Texas

I arrived in Vietnam Jan. 1, 1967, as a radio teletype operator. I was sent to Vung Tau and assigned to D Company, 41st Signal Battalion, attached to the 39th Signal Battalion. I worked in the operations office and typed up a telephone book to be distributed. I was sent to *Corpus Christi Bay*, where I spent two weeks getting it printed. Photos of each page were taken and a plate made for each to print the book. I was lost on the ship most of the time, but the food was great. The article filled me in on the ship's history and what it meant to our efforts during the war.

— John Muchler, Avoca, N.Y.

Christi Bay to use its machine shop. It was located several decks below, so I asked how they got the big machines and materials in and out of the shop. The permanent crew explained that they simply cut a hole in the side of the ship, loaded what they needed and welded the plates back in place. Thanks for the memories.

— Ray Barger, Converse, Texas

I was assigned to the Vung Tau airfield as an aircraft armament repair facility NCOIC. Due to the high amount of M134 miniguns and M60 machine guns received, we developed a quick-turnaround repair program. When the M60 machines jammed, the rivets holding the receiver became loose. A civilian machinist at our shop manufactured a "GIG" and soldered the guns. We took this idea to *Corpus Christi Bay* and began a countrywide repair program, saving a lot of money.

— Jose Colon Burgos, Coamo, Puerto Rico

Cuts to medical billets

Regarding Tom Philpott's article concerning the planned decrease in uniformed medical personnel (Veterans Update, March), I know from experience that this is a bad idea. There needs to be redundancy in staffing of medical support units near the point of wounding. In my assignment as a physician triage officer at a Medical Unit, Self-contained, Transportable (MUST) unit in Vietnam, we had to be prepared at all times for mass-casualty events.

Our unit was staffed with eight physicians. When our three ORs were occupied, that left two doctors to manage the 24-bed triage/admitting area and post-operative recovery units. That was adequate most of the time, but with regularity we would have to divert all our clinical attention to manage a critically wounded patient.

In my clinical practice, we discovered that MBA-qualified clinical managers, marching to the drumbeat of efficiency, repeatedly short-staffed our clinics and hospital units. We finally persuaded them to acknowledge that we were managing the care of individuals with differing illness acuity and that they must make allowances for the necessary manpower needs the situation may require.

— Paul B. Dickinson, West St. Paul, Minn.

I applaud a solutionist White House for urging a concrete Pentagon to "cut uniformed medical billets" to hone the point of combat medicine. Using more civilian doctors under DHA

allows DoD to focus uniformed caregivers on war. What we can contract, we should, to thereby uplift combat care.

As an Air Force tail gunner turned surgical medic turned Navy warship officer, I have needed front-line medicine and also have been a military caregiver. I have long found it odd that the Pentagon essentially ignored combat medicine, its most vital specialty, as if such expertise might magically appear in uniformed caregivers when needed. The 99 percent of work common to all medicine is not why we have combat medicine. It is a preparedness for moments of unique horror. It's not inner-city gunshot care, but high-velocity shrapnel and blast care. These changes appear to parallel recent White House innovations in VA care.

— Mark Anich, Omaha, Neb.

The Bladensburg Memorial

Reading the clear and unambiguous words of the First Amendment, this and a plethora of similar challenges over the years should never have been brought (Rapid Fire, March). The First Amendment states in part, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." For anyone, Supreme Court justices included, to glean that prayers, reading the Bible, or engraved images of the Ten Commandments on state Capitol grounds violate the First Amendment is to grossly misinterpret its clear wording. The Bladensburg Memorial is yet another case in point.

Until the Constitution is amended to permit the Supreme Court to restrict private or public acknowledgement of God, they must keep their opinions to themselves, for to do otherwise contravenes the clear and unambiguous language of that noble document. And, I should add, the executive should refuse on constitutional grounds to enforce any opinion/order of the federal courts that violates the proscriptive language under the guise of "separation of church and state" – a phrase found nowhere in the Constitution.

— John R. Stoeffler, St. Petersburg, Fla.

I'm sorry, but what I see is a memorial honoring our military and history. Some just look at it as a cross. Many in the United States should grow up and expand their knowledge. A cross is not going to hurt you, unless there's an earthquake and it crumbles onto you. Get a life, and be proud of the people who served and serve.

— Gwyneth DeBiase, Lompoc, Calif.

When the Taliban and the Islamic State took over an area, they systematically destroyed monuments, artifacts and anything that represented any period or belief other than theirs. We now have our own Taliban and ISIS who want to build on their views of history. This revisionist movement has been growing for about 30 years.

We need to recognize these fringe groups for what they are and stand *en masse* against their movement to remove the past.

— A.J. Foster, Jacksonville, Fla.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE WELCOMES YOUR OPINIONS

Include your hometown and a daytime phone number for verification. All letters published are subject to editing.

Due to the volume of mail received, not every letter can be acknowledged.

The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206
magazine@legion.org



Treating your COPD and still struggling?

Chronic productive cough? Repeated antibiotic use for chest infections?



These may be indicators of bronchiectasis—a common but frequently undiagnosed condition caused by chronic inflammation of the airways.¹

COPD is about four times more prevalent among veterans than in the general population.² Half of people with serious COPD may have bronchiectasis.³



inCourage® Airway Clearance Therapy is a drug-free way to clear excess mucus from the lungs. Ask your doctor if the inCourage System may be right for you. For a bronchiectasis information kit, call 833.208.5324 or visit www.respirtech.com/be.

We change lives. We help people breathe better.

1. Maselli DJ, Amalakuhan B, Keyt H, Diaz AA. Suspecting non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis: What the busy primary care clinician needs to know. *Int J Clin Pract.* 2017;71(2):e12924.
2. Basu S, VA/DoD Issue First COPD Guideline Update Since 2007. *U.S. Medicine.* 2015.
3. Martínez-García MA, de la Rosa Carrillo D, Soler-Cataluña JJ, et al. Prognostic value of bronchiectasis in patients with moderate-to-severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2013;187:823–831.

RespirTech®



To the Legionnaires who came before us

Generations have come and gone. They were men and women who raised their right hands and swore to defend our nation in uniform. They followed and gave orders that could, at any moment, end their lives. For many, such was their destiny.

Millions more came home from wartime service, took off their uniforms, pulled on American Legion caps and devoted themselves to community, state and nation. They honored their brothers and sisters in arms who did not come home. They vowed to search for the missing. They cared for families who lost loved ones. They fought in Washington for men and women who became disabled, unable to advocate on their own behalf due to wartime wounds, some invisible. They instilled hope and pride among young people whose futures of liberty were purchased on distant battlefields, seas and skies. Their programs and services revolved not around the combat they endured but around citizenship, compassion, respect, fairness and unity. This was, and still is, the legacy of our American Legion forebears.

It is a fitting tribute to all Legionnaires who came before us that the U.S. Mint has struck a commemorative coin set to honor our organization and all it has meant to America. And it is a testament to the Legion's identity that the congressional legislation necessary to authorize the centennial coin had more co-sponsors – 385 in the House and 75 in the Senate – than any commemorative coin bill in history.

I cannot imagine the challenge of trying to engrave onto one coin, or even a set of coins, The American Legion's legacy. Our story began in Paris over a century ago after a hard-won world war victory that sent more than 117,000 Americans to their graves and disabled hundreds of thousands more. It is a story that evolved in the years and decades that followed, to support innumerable young people who would come to appreciate U.S. military service, freedom and the flag to which they pledge allegiance. And so, on these coins, the legacy of our American Legion predecessors is etched into the faces of children honoring the flag, into the finely detailed wings of a bald eagle, the V for victory in the Great War, the Eiffel Tower in the city of our founding, and the emblem designed and patented by Lt. Col. Eric Fisher Wood, an author and engineer who volunteered to fight for his country and then served as first secretary of The American Legion.

The founders are all gone now. The peace they fought to keep proved fleeting. Fisher Wood was recalled and commissioned a brigadier general in World War II, and was in theater when his son, a lieutenant, died during the Battle of the Bulge. Such was his destiny and the price we all know must occasionally be paid to protect the futures of generations yet to come.

Much less fleeting are the values and ideals of The American Legion, which have been immortalized in memorials, monuments and now a coin set that will outlive us all and, hopefully, remind future citizens not only what is done when the flag of our nation passes, but why and in whose honor.



National Commander
Brett P. Reistad

MEMORANDA



BUY AMERICAN LEGION COMMEMORATIVE COINS

To purchase one of the beautiful coins released by the U.S. Mint to commemorate The American Legion's 100th anniversary, visit the U.S. Mint's online hub for the coin program.

 legion.org/coin

SPRING MEETINGS

The Legion's National Executive Committee will convene in Indianapolis May 8-9. Follow the meetings on the Legion's national website and social media.

 legion.org

 legion.org/media

TELL YOUR POST'S STORY

If your American Legion post is marking Armed Forces Day on May 18, or Memorial Day on May 27, share your story on Legiontown.

 legiontown.org

2019 AMERICAN LEGION 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROGRAM



Join us in celebrating a century of service.
Visit legion.org/coin to order yours today!

Surcharges from the sale of these coins are authorized to be paid to The American Legion to support its programs for veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and other purposes specified by the authorizing legislation.



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY NATIONAL POPPY DAY[®]

MAY 24, 2019

Honor the fallen and support the living. National Poppy Day[®]
Get involved.

POPPYDAYUSA.ORG

"The American Legion Riders provide an avenue for attracting younger veterans. The feeling they get, to ride with the Riders, provides great therapy for them as they enjoy fellowship with their fellow veterans."

Watch an interview of L.Z. Harrison Jr. online:
legion.org/magazine

See an archive of past interviews:
legion.org/iamlegion

L.Z. HARRISON JR.

L.Z. Harrison Jr. joined The American Legion in 2010 just to be part of the American Legion Riders. Within a year, he stepped up to serve as director of the Riders' chapter at Richland County Post 6 in Columbia, S.C.

"At the time, there were just a few members," says Harrison, who immediately set out to grow the group's membership. "When I took over, I made it a goal to have a full room at the meetings. We reached that within about a year. Now all of our meetings are pretty full."

He's proud of all that Post 6's Riders do for their community, from riding in parades and other patriotic events to participating in funerals for veterans whose cremated remains have long gone unclaimed. They also raise money for The American Legion's Legacy Fund, which provides college scholarship money for children of post-9/11 veterans who died on active duty or have a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater.

As director of South Carolina's American Legion Riders, Harrison appreciates the enthusiasm and support he sees at the department level for the Legacy Fund. South Carolina became the first department to organize an in-state Legacy Run to raise money for the scholarship trust. The department routinely ranks among the top five in Legacy Fund donations during The American Legion's national convention.

When South Carolina started its own Legacy Run, "we weren't sure how the turnout was going to be," he says. "Our Riders really took it to heights, and every year they get bigger. A lot of why they do it is for healing. For a lot of veterans struggling with depression, anger issues and that sort of thing, riding with the Legion Riders and having a cause you believe in – such as the Legacy Fund – gives them a feeling of worth. It gives them a feeling that they're giving back to their community and continuing to serve our country."

– Steven B. Brooks

BRANCH OF SERVICE Army (1984-2004)

RANK Sergeant major

MILITARY JOB Personnel services/human resources

AMERICAN LEGION POST Richland County Post 6, Columbia, S.C.

YEARS IN THE LEGION 10

AMERICAN LEGION ACTIVITIES

- American Legion Riders of South Carolina director (2018-present)
- American Legion Riders of South Carolina assistant director (2017-2018)
- American Legion Riders of South Carolina chaplain (2015-2017)
- American Legion Riders Chapter 6 director (2011-present)



CUSTOM BUILT IN AMERICA¹

Renewal
by Andersen®
WINDOW REPLACEMENT an Andersen Company



The Better Way to a Better Window®

Window Replacement Done the Right Way



Is window replacement difficult?

Like many things, the answer to this question is: it depends on who you call. There's a window replacement company that has proven its trustworthiness and reliability: Renewal by Andersen is the full service replacement division of Andersen, the most trusted family of window and door brands in America.³



For more than a century, Andersen has created a legacy for innovation and quality that is at the heart of what we do. Renewal by Andersen is determined to never stop improving – that's how **we've maintained a reputation for industry leading replacement windows.**

We will send specially trained project technicians to your home to make sure your custom built windows are a precise fit. And our Certified Master Installers are hands down the best in business – every detail matters to them. Of course, you also have full access to our knowledgeable customer care representatives if you have questions.

Call by May 31

Schedule your **free** window diagnosis.

TOLL FREE 800-724-4380

Visit REPLACEWINDOWS.TODAY.COM



Recognized by J.D. Power for
"Outstanding Customer
Satisfaction with Window and
Patio Door Manufacturer Brands,
Three Out of Four Years"



★★★★★
4.7 OUT OF 5
RENEWALBYANDERSEN.COM
95,000+ REVIEWS

**We are truly grateful for
your service to our country.**

¹CUSTOM BUILT: Custom built in America using U.S. and imported parts. ²DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 5/31/2019. Offer valid on initial visit only. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Buy one (1) window, get the next one (1) at 40% off and 12 months zero money down, zero monthly payments, zero interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or patio doors between 3/30/2019 and 5/31/2019. Subject to credit approval. Interest is billed during the promotional period but all interest is waived if the purchase amount is paid before the expiration of the promotional period. Financing for GreenSky® consumer loan programs is provided by federally insured, federal and state chartered financial institutions without regard to age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender or familial status. Available only at participating locations. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. License MN: BC130983/WI-268951. Excludes MN insurance work per MSA 325E.66. MHIC #121441. VA License #2705155684. DC License #42021500125. All other license numbers available upon request. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. For J.D. Power 2018 award information, visit jdpower.com/awards. "ENERGY STAR" is a registered trademark of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. *2018 U.S. Homeowner Brand Study of the Renewal by Andersen brand vs. competitive brands. "Renewal by Andersen" and all other marks where denoted are trademarks of Andersen Corporation. © 2019 Andersen Corporation. All rights reserved. RBA12009

The NATO Support Act



SUPPORT

Rep. Jimmy Panetta, D-Calif.

■ Panetta is a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is the most successful military alliance in history. In addition to advancing America's national security, the partnership has preserved peace, perpetuated economic prosperity and promoted democratic polity throughout the world. The NATO Support Act protects our nation's presence in the alliance and the perseverance of this pivotal partnership.

Created to "keep Soviets out, Americans in and Germans down," NATO's purpose has expanded since the end of the Cold War. As demonstrated by its quick – and only – invocation after 9/11, that promise guarantees that America will never fight another war alone. I saw that commitment firsthand when I served alongside NATO troops in Afghanistan.

The alliance allows for constant coordination and collaboration in the continued fight against international terrorism, Russian aggression and cyberattacks. NATO has led Europe to become America's chief military and diplomatic companion and its largest trading and investment partner. NATO's commitment to democratic values, rule of law and human rights put the partnership at the core of the liberal world order.

I authored the NATO Support Act to reaffirm America's commitment to the alliance and reject funding for withdrawal from NATO without congressional approval. Furthermore, the act promulgates that our partners strive to pay 2 percent of their GDP to NATO. The NATO Support Act has overwhelmingly bipartisan support in Congress, demonstrating a deep understanding and appreciation of why the United States should stay in NATO. It is more than a mere transactional relationship.



OPPOSE

Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif.

■ McClintock is a member of the House Judiciary Committee.

You can't tell a bill by its title. A case in point is H.R. 676, the so-called NATO Support Act, which passed the House with only 22 dissenting votes – including mine. Ostensibly, it prohibits U.S. withdrawal from NATO and commits perpetual

American support. But its real effect is to undercut President Trump's efforts to get NATO countries to pay their fair share.

We spend \$685 million in direct support of NATO and \$24.4 billion to support our presence in Europe. That's

about \$200 a year from an average American household. No other NATO member spends more than 2.4 percent on its own defense. Twenty-four of its 29 member countries spend less than the 2 percent of GDP required. NATO was formed to assist European nations in defending Europe, not to relieve them of their responsibility to defend themselves at America's expense.

President Trump's demands that Europe pay its fair share are slowly shaming most of our NATO partners to increase their defense spending. Why would Congress want to undermine his efforts? Even under the broadest interpretation of the president's power, he would have to give one year's notice of an American withdrawal, which Congress could undo. So why the legislation?

NATO continues to serve as an important mechanism of collective security and no one in a responsible position, including the president, has advocated its dissolution. But Europe's reluctance to shoulder its fair share has fallen hard on U.S. taxpayers, and it is time to practice a little tough love. This will ultimately strengthen NATO by strengthening Europe's commitment to it.

The president deserves congressional support, not H.R. 676's tsk-tsking.

THE HEART OF THE ISSUE

The House of Representatives passed the NATO Support Act, which prohibits U.S. withdrawal from the alliance.

Critics say it weakens President Trump's ability to get NATO members to pay their fair share.

CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Honorable (name), U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510 • Phone: (202) 224-3121

The Honorable (name), U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515 • Phone: (202) 225-3121

HONORING WAR VETERANS AND HONOR RECIPIENTS (PURPLE HEART, BRONZE & SILVER STAR) U.S. MILITARY WAR VETERAN SERVICE RINGS

Featuring Official War & Honor Medals and Ribbons, War Memorials, and Service Branch Emblems



KOREAN VETERANS
Shown with Navy Emblem

DESERT STORM VETERANS
Shown with Air Force Emblem

VIETNAM VETERANS
Shown with Army Emblem

IRAQ VETERANS
Shown with Coast Guard Emblem

AFGHANISTAN VETERANS
Shown with Navy Emblem
and Purple Heart Honor



We proudly present our Official Military War Rings to honor Veterans and Honor recipients who served in Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan and Iraq. Each ring is custom crafted in America and finished in solid Sterling Silver richly detailed with 24KT antiqued gold. Jewelers refer to this process as "Gold Vermeil." The inside band is solid, never hollow, for maximum comfort and fit.

The top of your ring features a highly detailed Military Service emblem mounted on gleaming black enamel. One side of your ring will bear your War Medal & Ribbon in official enamel colors. The other side is either a sculpture of the War Memorial (Korea or Vietnam), Expeditionary Medal (Desert Storm) or sculptured Service Branch Emblem (Afghanistan or Iraq).

PURPLE HEART, BRONZE STAR, AND SILVER STAR RECIPIENTS

MAY HAVE THEIR MEDAL/RIBBON ON THEIR RING.

As a permanent mark of exclusivity, your ring will be engraved on the inner band with your initials and the years of your service.



Thank you priced at a remarkably low \$249*, an affordable payment plan is also available. Your satisfaction is guaranteed or you may return your ring within 30 days for replacement or refund - no questions asked. So order yours today!

YOU HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO WEAR THIS HISTORIC RING.



**HONOR
MEDALS**
in Official Colors.
See order form.

TO ORDER: CALL: 1-800-255-3048 OR ONLINE: WWW.VETCOM.COM

Or, Mail to: Veterans Commemoratives™ Rings, Two Radnor Corporate Center, Suite 120, Radnor, PA 19087-4599

☐ **YES.** I wish to order an Exclusive War Veteran Ring, personalized with my initials and year dates of service. (Please send my FREE American Flag Pin.)

War: ☐ Korean Service ☐ Vietnam ☐ Desert Storm
☐ Iraq ☐ Afghanistan

Service Branch: ☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Air Force ☐ Coast Guard

Initials Desired (3): _____ **Service Yrs:** _____ **to** _____

Ring Size: _____ (Use ring sizer below or consult jeweler)

☐ **I AM AN HONOR RECIPIENT.** Please include my Medal & Ribbon on my ring: ☐ Purple Heart ☐ Bronze Star ☐ Silver Star

NOTE: A copy of your DD214 or other authorizing document must be sent with your order. Thank You.

I NEED SEND NO MONEY NOW. Bill me in 4 monthly installments of \$62.25* each, with the first payment due prior to shipment.

SHIPPING ADDRESS (We CANNOT ship to P.O. Boxes.) Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (_____) _____

Email _____

Signature _____

* Plus \$19.95 for engraving, shipping, and handling added to your first payment. PA residents add 6% state sales tax.

By federal law, licensing fees paid to the U.S. Army for the use of its trademarks provide support for the Army® Trademark Licensing Program, and net licensing revenue is devoted to U.S. Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs.



©2019, ICM HONRIN-ALM0519

FOR MORE FINE MILITARY RINGS & WATCHES VISIT VETERANS COMMEMORATIVES™ ONLINE AT WWW.VETCOM.COM

The hidden dangers of a sedentary lifestyle

BY MARTIN SAYERS



istockfree

Americans spend too much time on their backsides, and it's hurting their health.

People are settling for more sedentary activities at the expense of exercise. Many of our jobs are inactive, with long days spent sitting at a desk rather than engaged in physical activity that characterized so many occupations in the past. Then, when we get home, our leisure time is often dominated by watching TV, surfing the Web or reading. Even the way most of us get around – in cars, on buses and on trains – involves sitting.

Too much sitting down can have serious consequences, though, leading to a range of health problems. Consider three lesser-known problems related to a sedentary lifestyle – varicose veins, pulmonary embolism and memory loss – and how you can help avoid them.

Varicose veins are enlarged veins that usually occur on the legs and feet. They may be blue or dark purple, and often look lumpy, bulging or twisted. They occur when valves in the veins don't function properly, causing blood to leak and flow backwards. This blood collects in the veins, which become swollen and enlarged.

When you sit for long periods of time, your veins put more effort into pumping blood from the lower legs back to the heart, which makes them more prone to leaking and thus leading to varicose veins. This is especially true if you tend to sit with your legs bent.

Research shows that a sedentary lifestyle also increases the risk of a pulmonary embolism, in which a blood clot travels up from the deep veins in the leg and eventually into a lung. The symptoms include chest pain, difficulty breathing and coughing – and the condition can be fatal.

One study that examined the habits of more than 80,000 people revealed that those who watched more than five hours of television a day were far more likely to suffer from potentially deadly clots.

Another recent study explored the relationship between sedentary behavior and the brain, showing that people who spent more time sitting had thinner medial temporal lobes, the part of the brain associated with memory and learning.

This suggests that sitting for long periods raises your chances of developing memory loss or even dementia.

Martin Sayers is a freelance writer living in Cambridge, England. He specializes in health and nutrition issues.

Four easy ways to be more active

Your risk of developing these conditions – and others – can be significantly reduced with more exercise. But that doesn't mean you have to suddenly start hitting the gym or going for long runs. Here are some gentle, easy ways to incorporate exercise into your daily routine:

▪ **Take a walk to work.** If you drive to work or take public transport, set yourself a challenge. Park a few blocks farther away than you normally do, or get off the bus a stop or two earlier, and then walk briskly the rest of the way. This bit of exercise in the morning can make you feel energized and ready for the day ahead.

▪ **Ditch the elevator.** If you can, take the stairs rather than getting in an elevator. Make this a regular habit and you'll soon see strength and endurance gains.

▪ **Get a walking buddy.** Many people avoid exercise because they find it boring and lonely. Add some enjoyment by taking a regular walk with a friend.

▪ **Do some TV exercises.** Be active while watching TV in the evenings. Ride an exercise bike as you watch, lift some light weights, jog on the spot – or simply get up and go for a walk around the house during commercial breaks. When you are sitting, try to put your legs up to reduce strain on your veins.



YOU CAN DO IT WITHOUT FINGERSTICKS*



Discover the FreeStyle Libre 14 day system

The FreeStyle Libre 14 day system is an FDA-approved continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) system that lets you accurately¹ check your glucose with a painless² one-second scan instead of a fingerstick.*

**Ask your doctor to write a prescription
for the FreeStyle Libre 14 day system.
Learn more at [FreeStyleLibre.us](https://www.FreeStyleLibre.us)**



life. to the fullest.™

Abbott

*Fingersticks are required for treatment decisions when you see Check Blood Glucose symbol, when symptoms do not match system readings, when you suspect readings may be inaccurate, or when you experience symptoms that may be due to high or low blood glucose.

REFERENCES: 1. FreeStyle Libre 14 day User's Manual. 2. Data on file. Abbott Diabetes Care.

Indications and Important Safety Information

The FreeStyle Libre 14 day Flash Glucose Monitoring System is a continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) device indicated for the management of diabetes in persons age 18 and older. It is designed to replace blood glucose testing for diabetes treatment decisions. The System detects trends and tracks patterns aiding in the detection of episodes of hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia, facilitating both acute and long-term therapy adjustments. Interpretation of the System readings should be based on the glucose trends and several sequential readings over time. The System is intended for single patient use and requires a prescription.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Remove the sensor before MRI, CT scan, X-ray, or diathermy treatment.

WARNINGS/LIMITATIONS: Do not ignore symptoms that may be due to low or high blood glucose, hypoglycemic unawareness, or dehydration. Check sensor glucose readings with a blood glucose meter when Check Blood Glucose symbol appears, when symptoms do not match system readings, or when readings are suspected to be inaccurate. The FreeStyle Libre 14 day system does not have alarms unless the sensor is scanned, and the system contains small parts that may be dangerous if swallowed. The FreeStyle Libre 14 day system is not approved for pregnant women, persons on dialysis, or critically-ill population. Sensor placement is not approved for sites other than the back of the arm and standard precautions for transmission of blood borne pathogens should be taken. The built-in blood glucose meter is not for use on dehydrated, hypotensive, in shock, hyperglycemic-hyperosmolar state, with or without ketosis, neonates, critically-ill patients, or for diagnosis or screening of diabetes. Review all product information before use or contact Abbott toll-free 855-632-8658 or visit www.FreeStyleLibre.us for detailed indications for use and safety information. For full indications for use and safety information, visit <https://www.FreeStyleLibre.us/safety-information.html>.

FreeStyle, Libre, and related brand marks are trademarks of Abbott Diabetes Care Inc. in various jurisdictions. Other trademarks are the property of their respective owners. ©2019 Abbott. ADC-12588 v1.0 03/19

Diet soda dangers

Surprising findings from a new study that suggest a link between diet soft drinks and stroke risk in postmenopausal women “give us pause,” according to the study’s lead author.

As CBS reports, the massive study tracked some 82,000 women between ages 50 and 79 across 12 years, revealing that women who drank two or more diet drinks per day saw their overall stroke risk rise by 23 percent.

The main cause of these strokes was artery blockage, with the study revealing that “heavy diet drink consumption (was) linked to a 31-percent-greater risk for an ischemic stroke, which is triggered by a clot.”

Lead author Yasmin Mossavar-Rahmani, associate professor at New York City’s Albert Einstein College of Medicine, emphasized that “association does not imply causation.” However, she added, “we can’t assume these diet drinks are harmless, particularly when consumed at high levels.”

In addition to the possible correlation to strokes, the study found that women who drank two or more diet drinks per day saw their overall risk for developing heart disease increase by 29 percent.



Media Bakery

Living Well is designed to provide general information. It is not intended to be, nor is it, medical advice. Readers should consult their physicians when they have health problems.



Media Bakery

Drink to your thirst

Dehydration can hit at any time, and it demands attention.

“Our bodies are designed to operate with the same concentration of particles in our bodily fluids at all times,” says Mark Zeidel, chairman of the Department of Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. “Otherwise, it can lead to kidney and brain damage, even death.”

Most fluids offer some level of hydration, as do fruits and vegetables. Watch out for heavy doses of salt in some vegetable juices, says Zeidel, adding that it’s also best to avoid artificial sweeteners; they can trick your body, resulting in the ingestion of more food and sugars than your system needs. Plain or sparkling water, coffee and milk are all good, but going heavy on fluids with too much sugar, or high levels of salt, can trigger other problems.

Energy drinks are another matter, Zeidel says.

“You can be all right with things like Gatorade, which focuses on replacing water and electrolytes ... (but) then you get to the drinks that load up on caffeine, that can create dependency, mess with your sleep cycle, even lead to heart rhythm problems,” he says. “Some have even taken to mixing them with alcohol, which makes a bad thing worse.”

Humans lose the equivalent of eight to 12 cups of water daily, and the best way to track your hydration is to monitor your urine.

“If your urine is dark yellow or cloudy, your kidneys are telling your body to hold onto water,” Zeidel says. “As long as your kidneys can adapt, things are OK. It’s when you get so far behind your kidneys can’t keep up that you get into trouble.”

Beth Kitchin, assistant professor in the University of Alabama at Birmingham’s Department of Nutrition Sciences, points out that it’s dangerous to go to the other extreme. Excess hydration, if chronic, can cause a drop in the sodium level in the blood, triggering nausea, headaches, convulsions and, in extreme cases, even death. Balance is key.

The bottom line: listen to your body. “Drink to your thirst,” Zeidel says. “Your body will tell you how much to take in daily. The whole goal is to keep your body chemistry constant.”

– Lance Frazer

GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE FOR AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS AGES 45-85*

We take care of our own — it's the American Way!



Get up to **\$25,000.00**
in whole life insurance and enjoy...

FREEDOM from worry — knowing your family has the protection they need to help cover your final expenses or outstanding debt.

FREEDOM from high rates — guaranteed to never increase! And benefits will never decrease. (See our affordable monthly premiums below.)

FREEDOM to choose the amount of protection you want — **\$3,000.00, \$5,000.00, \$10,000.00 or \$25,000.00.***

FREEDOM from answering intrusive health questions or taking a medical exam — these are **guaranteed issue** policies for people 45-85*.

Plus, your benefits **double** if death is due to an auto accident.**

There's **NO OBLIGATION** so call to apply.

1-844-634-4236

or visit www.MutualOmaha-Legion.com



UNITED OF OMAHA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
COMPANION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
MUTUAL of OMAHA AFFILIATES

	\$3,000.00		\$5,000.00		\$10,000.00		\$25,000.00	
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
45-49	\$10.75	\$8.80	\$17.25	\$14.00	\$33.50	\$27.00	\$82.25	\$66.00
50-54	\$12.35	\$10.15	\$19.92	\$16.25	\$38.83	\$31.50	\$95.58	\$77.25
55-59	\$15.28	\$11.50	\$24.79	\$18.50	\$48.58	\$36.00	\$119.96	\$88.50
60-64	\$18.50	\$13.75	\$30.17	\$22.25	\$59.33	\$43.50	\$146.83	\$107.25
65-69	\$22.08	\$17.05	\$36.13	\$27.75	\$71.25	\$54.50	\$176.63	\$134.75
70-74	\$29.53	\$22.30	\$48.54	\$36.50	\$96.08	\$72.00	\$238.71	\$178.50
75-79	\$38.65	\$30.70	\$63.75	\$50.50	\$126.50	\$100.00	\$314.75	\$248.50
80-85	\$51.55	\$43.45	\$85.25	\$71.75	\$169.50	\$142.50	\$422.25	\$354.75

The rates above include a \$12 annual policy fee.

This is a solicitation of individual insurance. A licensed insurance agent/producer may contact you by telephone. **These policies contain benefits, reductions, limitations, and exclusions to include a reduction in death benefits during the first two years of policy ownership.** In NY, during the first two years, 120% of premiums will be paid. Whole life insurance is underwritten by United of Omaha Life Insurance Company, 3300 Mutual of Omaha Plaza, Omaha, NE 68175 which is licensed nationwide except NY. Life insurance policies issued in NY are underwritten by Companion Life Insurance Company, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Each underwriting company is responsible for its own financial and contractual obligations; and shares a financial interest with The American Legion, in this program. Policy Form ICC11L059P or state equivalent (7780L-0505 in FL, 828Y-0505 in NY). This policy is available to people not affiliated with The American Legion.

*Ages 50-75 in NY; benefit amounts available may vary by state.

**Not available in all states.

Blue Water vets put hope in appeals win

BY TOM PHILPOTT

A stunning U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruling fortifies the cases of approximately 70,000 Blue Water Navy veterans who for 20 years have been denied disability benefits for ailments associated with exposure to Agent Orange and other defoliants used during the Vietnam War.

In its Jan. 29 decision, the court ruled 9-2 in *Procopio v. Wilkie* that its 2008 landmark ruling in *Haas v. Peake* was decided wrongly against veterans who served aboard ship off Vietnam during the war.

In *Haas*, the court had upheld VA's narrowed interpretation of the 1991 Agent Orange Act – that Congress meant to exclude shipboard veterans from benefits if they patrolled territorial seas off Vietnam but never came ashore.

What the court failed to recognize in deciding *Haas*, lawyers for plaintiff Alfred Procopio Jr. argued, is that Congress intentionally used the formal name for the sovereign coastal nation, mandating that benefits go to veterans with “service in the Republic of Vietnam.”

Under international law, that title includes territorial seas, so benefits should be available to veterans who served off the coast and developed diseases linked to defoliant exposure, the appeals court now agrees. Procopio suffers from prostate cancer and type 2 diabetes, two of 14 conditions on VA's list of ailments associated with Agent Orange exposure and triggering benefits if veterans served in Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, when the conflict officially ended.

The critical and still unanswered question in the wake of the decision was whether the Trump administration would appeal to the Supreme Court, or accept the *Procopio* decision and begin to pay disability claims filed by Blue Water Navy veterans afflicted with one or more presumptive diseases. The Justice Department had 90 days or until late April to decide, but it could request an extension of time to review its options.

Testifying before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee after the ruling, VA Secretary Robert Wilkie suggested the Justice Department decision

on whether to appeal might turn on what advice it receives from other departments.

“I won't comment on the merits of the decision, because that's a pre-decisional argument the Justice Department is still going through,” Wilkie told committee chairman Rep. Mark Takano, D-Calif. “But (I) will say that if the decision stands we are ready to meet the dictates of that decision”

by asking Congress to expand VA's resources based on “the population we will have to help.”

Considering the results of other class-action victories on behalf of plaintiffs, Wilkie added that if the decision stands, VA will have to not only support those who served in those waters, “but we will have to look to their families and their estates.

Right now, I don't know the numbers who would be impacted.”

Takano asked whether Wilkie will recommend the decision not be appealed.

“I have not given them any detailed response other than to say we will follow the dictates of the court,” Wilkie replied. He added, however, “there are considerations of that decision that impact the State Department and Department of Defense that I have no insight into,” having to do with “the actual definition of a nation-state.”

Two weeks later, The American Legion and other veterans groups signed a letter to President Trump urging that he direct the Justice Department not to appeal *Procopio*, and direct Wilkie to implement the decision immediately by providing Agent Orange benefits to Blue Water Navy veterans.

One of Procopio's attorneys, retired Navy Cmdr. John B. Wells, executive director of the nonprofit Military-Veterans Advocacy of Slidell, La., said he is sure Procopio and Blue Water Navy vets will triumph even if the administration appeals to the Supreme Court.

“I'm just as confident on that, if not more confident than we were that we were going to prevail at the federal circuit,” Wells said.

Tom Philpott has been covering military personnel and veterans issues for more than 40 years.



"To you, it's the perfect lift chair. To me, it's the best sleep chair I've ever had."

— J. Fitzgerald, VA



Sit up, lie down —
and anywhere
in between!

Easy-to-use remote for
massage, heat, recline and lift

We've all had nights when we just can't lie down in bed and sleep, whether it's from heartburn, cardiac problems, hip or back aches – it could be a variety of reasons. Those are the nights we'd give anything for a comfortable chair to sleep in, one that reclines to exactly the right degree, raises feet and legs to precisely the desired level, supports the head and shoulders properly, operates easily even in the dead of night, and sends a hopeful sleeper right off to dreamland.

Our Perfect Sleep Chair® is just the chair to do it all. It's a chair, true – the finest of lift chairs – but this chair is so much more! It's designed to provide total comfort and relaxation not found in other chairs. It can't be beat for comfortable, long-term sitting, TV viewing, relaxed reclining and – yes! –

peaceful sleep. Our chair's recline technology allows you to pause the chair in an infinite number of positions, including the lay flat position and the zero gravity position where your body experiences a minimum of internal and external stresses. You'll love the other benefits, too: It helps with correct spinal alignment, promotes back pressure relief, and encourages better posture to prevent back and muscle pain.

And there's more! The overstuffed, oversized biscuit style back and unique seat design will cradle you in comfort. Generously filled, wide armrests provide enhanced arm support when sitting or reclining. The high and low heat settings along with the multiple massage settings, can provide a soothing relaxation you might get at a spa – just imagine getting all that in a lift chair! It even has a battery backup in case of a power outage. Shipping charge includes white glove delivery. Professionals will deliver the chair to the exact spot in your home where you want it, unpack it, inspect it, test it, position it, and even carry the packaging away! You get your choice of bonded stain and water repellent leather or plush microfiber in a variety of colors to fit any decor. **Call now!**

The Perfect Sleep Chair®

1-888-760-5870

Please mention code 111447 when ordering.

Because each Perfect Sleep Chair is a custom-made bedding product, we can only accept returns on chairs that are damaged or defective.

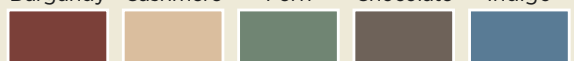
Long Lasting DuraLux Leather

Tan Chocolate Burgundy Black Blue



DuraLux II Microfiber

Burgundy Cashmere Fern Chocolate Indigo

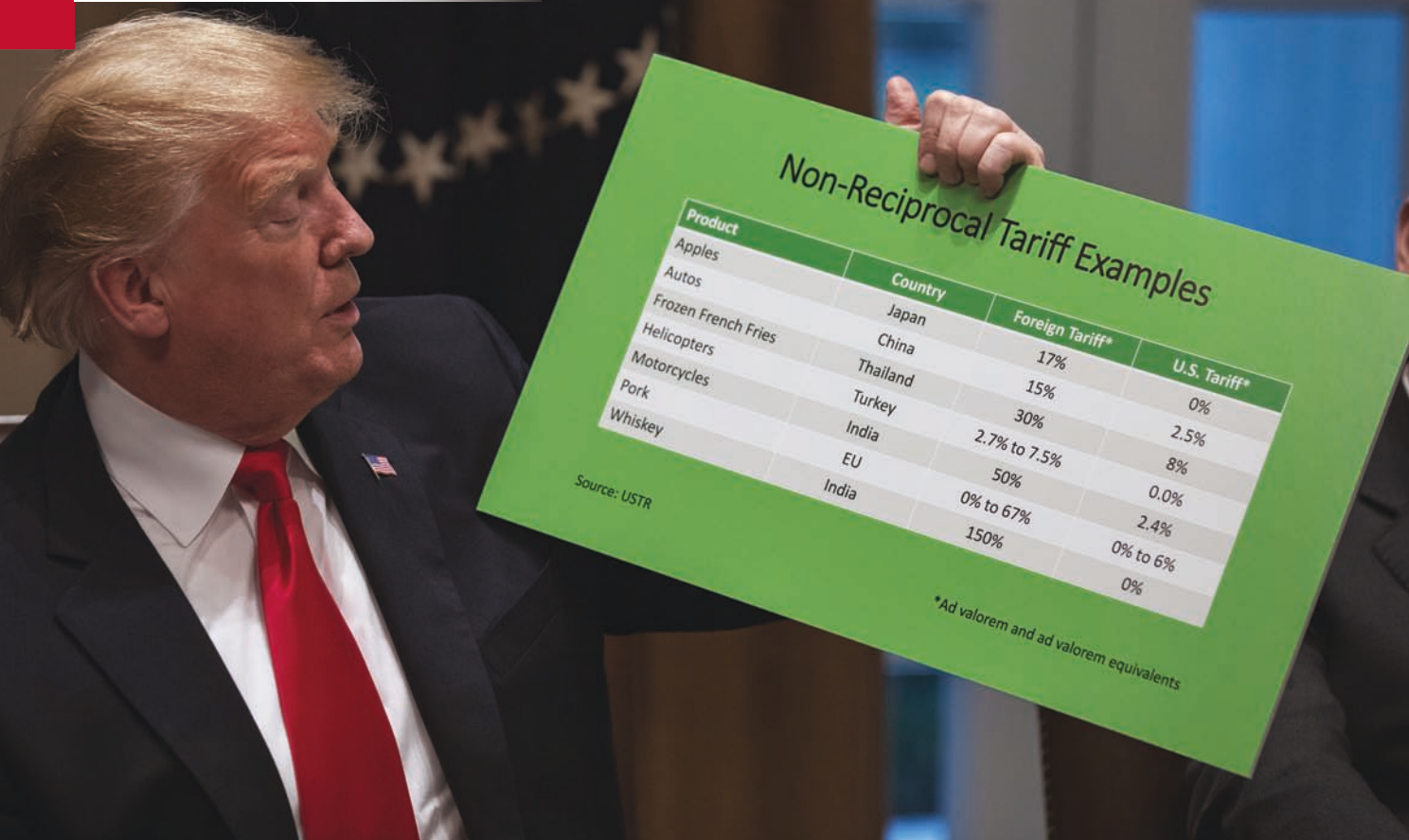


© 2019 firstSTREET for Boomers and Beyond, Inc.

46504



This lift chair puts you
safely on your feet!



Product	Country	Foreign Tariff*	U.S. Tariff*
Apples	Japan	17%	0%
Autos	China	15%	2.5%
Frozen French Fries	Thailand	30%	8%
Helicopters	Turkey	2.7% to 7.5%	0.0%
Motorcycles	India	50%	2.4%
Pork	EU	0% to 67%	0% to 6%
Whiskey	India	150%	0%

Source: USTR

*Ad valorem and ad valorem equivalents

Trump's Tariff Gambit

History suggests the pathway to fair trade is free trade.

BY ALAN W. DOWD

Nothing says “USA” quite like a Ford Mustang – except, perhaps, a Toyota Camry.

The Camry includes more domestic content (78.5 percent) than the Mustang (76 percent). In fact, according to the Made in America Auto Index, even the cars equipped with the most American content (Chevy Traverse, Buick Enclave and GMC Acadia) rely on foreign sources for about 15 percent of their parts.

A similar picture emerges when we pivot from Fords to smartphones. With the iPhone’s manufacturing process spread across China, South Korea, Japan, Germany and the United States, where exactly is Apple’s ubiquitous phone made? Likewise, Honda and Toyota have plants in Ohio, Alabama, Indiana, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Texas, Mississippi and West Virginia.

These snapshots underscore that 21st-century

trade is literally international and intricately integrated. Trying to reconfigure this global trading system, retreat from it or hide behind a wall of protectionist tariffs will not be easy or painless for the United States.

DISASTER Before getting into the benefits of free trade, it’s worth noting that protectionism has deep roots in America. The Tariff Act of 1789 was the first significant bill passed by Congress. Tariffs were the main revenue source for the federal government throughout the 19th century. As late as 1915, customs duties, or tariffs, represented 30.1 percent of federal revenues.

In the intervening century – long before President Trump imposed tariffs on imports from China, Canada, Mexico and Europe – Presidents

President Trump shows a chart listing examples of non-reciprocal tariffs during a meeting at the White House. Getty

Create Your Own Outdoor Room...In Just Seconds!



Motorized & Manual Awnings Available!

Introducing The Revolutionary SunSetter Retractable Awning!

If you're tired of having your outdoor enjoyment rained on...baked out... or just plain ruined by unpredictable weather...

At last there is a solution! One that lets you take control of the weather on your deck or patio, while saving on energy bills! It's the incredible SunSetter Retractable Awning! A simple...easy-to-use...& *affordable* way to outsmart the weather and start enjoying your deck or patio more...*rain or shine!*

The SunSetter is like adding a whole extra *outdoor room* to your home... giving you instant protection from glaring sun...or light showers! Plus it's incredibly easy to use...opening & closing effortlessly in *less than 60 seconds!*

**FREE!
Info Kit
& DVD**

So, stop struggling with the weather...
& start enjoying your deck or patio more!

For a **FREE Info Kit & DVD** email your
name & address to freedvd@sunsetter.com

**LOW
Factory
Direct
Prices!**

**Opens at the Touch
of a Button!**



Protects you from 99% of UV rays



*You choose full sun or total
protection in just seconds!*

FREE Info Kit & DVD
Call Toll-Free: 1-800-876-8060

Ext.
35385

☒ **Yes!** Please send your **FREE Info Kit & DVD**...including a
\$200 Savings Certificate...**TODAY!**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

(Important: Be sure to give us your email address to receive our best deals!)

184 Charles Street, Dept. 35385, Malden, MA 02148
Visit us today at www.sunsetter.com

\$200 Savings Certificate Included!

SunSetter
RETRACTABLE AWNINGS

©2019 SunSetter® Products

Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter levied fees/tariffs on foreign oil, President Ronald Reagan on Japanese TVs and computers, President George W. Bush on steel, and President Barack Obama on tires.

However, the general trend has been to lower trade barriers. It has been many decades since the world has seen U.S. tariffs of the scale and scope Trump has unleashed.

Critics of Trump's approach to trade forget that the free-trade consensus began eroding before he took office. In 2008, Obama called NAFTA "an enormous problem," declared that "NAFTA needs to be amended" and threatened to "opt out." Both Obama and then-Sen. Hillary Clinton opposed trade deals with South Korea, Colombia and Panama, though the former ultimately signed free-trade agreements (FTAs) with all three as president.

In 2016, Trump labeled NAFTA "a disaster." He also opposed the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), which originally enfolded the United States and 11 other Pacific Rim nations. "The TPP is a horrible deal," he said.

In her 2016 presidential campaign, Clinton vowed, "I will stop any trade deal that kills jobs or holds down wages, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership ... I'll oppose it as president."

Once in office, Trump withdrew from the TPP, threatened to withdraw from NAFTA, levied tariffs on Canada, Mexico and Europe, and announced plans to add up to \$200 billion in tariffs on Chinese imports.

These politicians are responding to what Americans are feeling. In 2008, 58 percent of voters saw global trade as "bad because it has subjected American companies and employees to unfair competition." By 2016, only 29 percent of Americans said NAFTA had been good for America. Today, 52 percent of Americans support new tariffs on Chinese imports.

There's an argument to be made for protecting U.S. industries, especially industries connected to national security. "Maintaining the production of American steel is extremely important to our national security and our defense industrial base," Trump explains.

Adam Smith, the father of free-market economics, would agree. "When some particular sort of industry is necessary for the defense of the country," he explained, it is appropriate "to lay some burden upon foreign, for the encouragement of domestic industry."

The counterpoint when it comes to Trump's

tariffs on steel and aluminum from Canada, Mexico and Europe is that Canada, Mexico and Europe are among America's closest allies. None of them has manipulated the supply of vital materials in the postwar era.

BARRIERS Even with its periodic protectionist impulses, the United States has generally been more inclined to free trade and open markets than to mercantilism (the pursuit of trade surplus through protectionism) and autarky (the pursuit of economic self-sufficiency).

The Federalist Papers, for instance, discuss "products for exportation," "foreign commerce" and "maritime commerce."

President Thomas Jefferson fought a war to ensure access to Mediterranean markets.

President Woodrow Wilson argued for "removal, so far as possible, of all economic barriers and the establishment of an equality of trade conditions."

President Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill's Atlantic Charter called for "access, on equal terms, to the trade and to the raw materials of the world" and "the fullest collaboration between all nations in the economic field." If economic nationalism and closed-off markets sowed the seeds of war, they reasoned, then the postwar world would need to be characterized by free trade and a liberal economic system.

After the war, the United States midwived a free-trade zone in western Europe, transformed Germany and Japan into liberal economies, and constructed an ever-widening network of international trade agreements.

Calling for a "freer system of trade," President Dwight Eisenhower concluded, "The free world can no longer afford ... arbitrary restraints on trade."

President John Kennedy proposed the "gradual elimination of tariffs here in the United States and in the Common Market" and argued that "increased imports stimulate our own efforts to increase efficiency."

Reagan believed that a U.S.-Canada-Mexico trade deal would unleash economic potential beyond which "any of them – strong as they are – could accomplish in the absence of such cooperation."

NAFTA was signed by President George H.W. Bush and implemented by President Bill Clinton. President George W. Bush negotiated the FTAs with Panama, Colombia and South Korea.

No trade deal is perfect. But NAFTA – what

To some, sunglasses are a fashion accessory...

But When Driving, These Sunglasses May Save Your Life!

Drivers' Alert: Driving can expose you to more dangerous glare than any sunny day at the beach can... do you know how to protect yourself?

The sun rises and sets at peak travel periods, during the early morning and afternoon rush hours and many drivers find themselves temporarily blinded while driving directly into the glare of the sun. Deadly accidents are regularly caused by such blinding glare with danger arising from reflected light off another vehicle, the pavement, or even from waxed and oily windshields that can make matters worse. Early morning dew can exacerbate this situation. Yet, motorists struggle on despite being blinded by the sun's glare that can cause countless accidents every year.

Not all sunglasses are created equal. Protecting your eyes is serious business. With all the fancy fashion frames out there it can be easy to overlook what really matters—the lenses. So we did our research and looked to the very best in optic innovation and technology.

Sometimes it does take a rocket scientist. A NASA rocket scientist. Some ordinary sunglasses can obscure your vision by exposing your eyes to harmful UV rays, blue light, and reflective glare. They can also darken useful vision-enhancing light. But now, independent research conducted by scientists from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory has brought forth ground-breaking technology to help protect human eyesight from the harmful effects of solar radiation light. This superior lens technology was first

discovered when NASA scientists looked to nature for a means to superior eye protection—specifically, by studying the eyes of eagles, known for their extreme visual acuity. This discovery resulted in what is now known as Eagle Eyes®.

The Only Sunglass Technology Certified by the Space Foundation for UV and Blue-Light Eye Protection. Eagle Eyes® features the most advanced eye protection technology ever created. The TriLe-nium® Lens Technology offers triple-filter polarization to block 99.9% UVA and UVB—plus the added benefit of blue-light eye protection. Eagle Eyes® is the only optic technology that has earned official recognition from the Space Certification Program for this remarkable technology. Now, that's proven science-based protection.

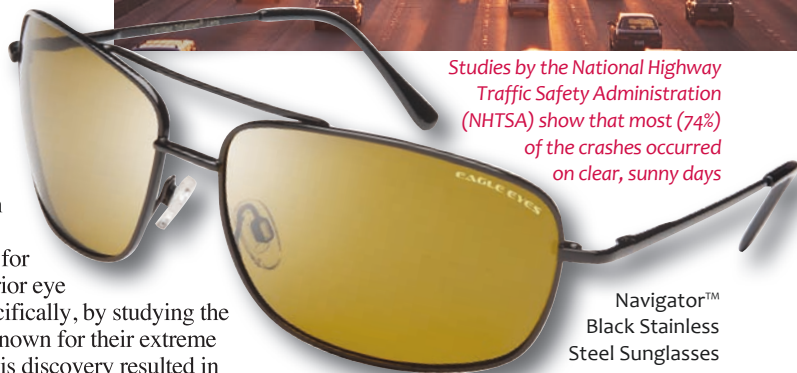
The finest optics: And buy one, get one FREE! Eagle Eyes® has the highest customer satisfaction of any item in our 20 year history. We are so excited for you to try the Eagle Eyes® breakthrough technology that we will give you a **second pair of Eagle Eyes® Navigator™ Sunglasses FREE—a \$59.95 value!**

That's two pairs to protect your eyes with the best technology available for less than the price of one pair of traditional sunglasses. You get a pair of Navigators with stainless steel black frames and the other with stainless steel gold, plus one hard zipper case and one micro-fiber drawstring cleaning pouch are included. Keep one pair in your pocket and one in your car.

Your satisfaction is 100% guaranteed. If you are not astounded with the Eagle Eyes® technology, enjoying clearer, sharper and more glare-free vision, simply return one pair within 30 days for a full refund of the purchase price. The other pair is yours to keep. No one else has such confidence in their optic technology. Don't leave your eyes in the hands of fashion designers, entrust them to the best scientific minds on earth. Wear your Eagle Eyes® Naviga-



Studies by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) show that most (74%) of the crashes occurred on clear, sunny days



Navigator™
Black Stainless
Steel Sunglasses

Receive the Navigator™ Gold Sunglasses (a \$59.95 value) FREE! just for trying the Navigator™ Black



Navigator™ Gold Stainless Steel Sunglasses

Certified EAGLE EYES® was developed from original NASA Optic technology and was recently inducted into the Space Foundation Technology Hall of Fame.

Fit-ons available for \$39 + S&H
Black or Tortoise-Shell design



tors with absolute confidence, knowing your eyes are protected with technology that was born in space for the human race.

Two Pairs of Eagle Eyes® Navigator™ Sunglasses \$119.90†

Offer Code Price \$49 + S&P Save \$70.90
Offer includes one pair each Navigator™ Black and Navigator™ Gold Sunglasses

1-800-333-2045

Your Insider Offer Code: EEN842-06
You must use this insider offer code to get our special price.

Stauer®

14101 Southcross Drive W.,
Ste 155, Dept. EEN842-06
Burnsville, Minnesota 55337
www.stauer.com



Rating of A+

† Special price only for customers using the offer code versus the price on Stauer.com without your offer code.

Smart Luxuries—Surprising Prices™

Eagle Eyes®
Lens



Slip on a pair of Eagle Eyes® and everything instantly appears more vivid and sharp. You'll immediately notice that your eyes are more comfortable and relaxed and you'll feel no need to squint. The scientifically designed sunglasses are not just fashion accessories—they are necessary to protect your eyes from those harmful rays produced by the sun during peak driving times.



The benefits of **TRADE**

- The United States is the world's largest trading nation, with imports of **\$2.9 trillion** and exports of **\$2.33 trillion** (2017).
- U.S. agriculture exports support an estimated **929,000** jobs.
- The United States registered record exports to **29** countries, and record imports from **47** countries, in 2017.
- Under free trade agreements (FTAs), U.S. agriculture exports to Chile have grown by more than **525 percent**, to Peru by **230 percent** and to Australia by **240 percent**.
- Companies headquartered in the European Union invest **\$1.7 trillion** in the United States and employ more than **3.5 million** Americans.
- The United States has FTAs with **20** countries.
- In the first five years after an FTA is secured, the average increase in U.S. export levels to that FTA partner country is **18 percent**.
- A proposed U.S.-EU FTA would increase U.S. exports to the EU by **\$300 billion** annually and add **\$125 billion** to U.S. GDP annually.

Sources: Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Commerce Department

Obama called “an enormous problem” – generates total trade flows of \$1.2 trillion (up 250 percent since 1993, the year prior to NAFTA). Manufacturing exports to NAFTA partners are up 258 percent from 1993. U.S. exports to Mexico (up 455 percent) and Canada (up 165 percent) have exploded under NAFTA. And its critics forget how intertwined and interdependent North American supply chains now are. Cars built in the Great Lakes region “cross the U.S.-Canada border half a dozen times as they are assembled,” according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, while trade with Canada and Mexico supports 14 million American jobs.

Similarly, Oxford Economics concludes that U.S.-China trade supports 2.6 million American jobs – and that if the iPhone were assembled entirely in the United States, it would cost \$100 more per unit.

OPTIONS Free trade has expanded where we sell our crops, goods and services – and where we spend our money.

We Americans have the means to purchase lots of stuff. But we want to get the most for our money. That’s where trade comes into play – imports drive down costs for U.S. consumers by expanding purchasing options – and how trade deficits emerge. While voting patterns suggest the American people support protectionism, our buying habits say otherwise. We buy iPhones, laptops and TVs assembled in China; vegetables, beef, petroleum and car parts from Mexico and Canada; machinery and cars from Japan, Korea and Germany; clothing and footwear from Vietnam. The list goes on.

Not coincidentally, the United States runs trade deficits with China, the EU, Japan and Mexico. Of course, what the term “trade deficit” means is that U.S. consumers have chosen to use their money to purchase more stuff from China, Europe, Japan and Mexico than they’ve sold to China, Europe, Japan and Mexico. (We don’t hear about America’s trade surpluses with Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile and Turkey.) In this system of free exchange, Americans get the stuff they want while our trade partners get the economic resources they want. No one forces either side to engage in this trade of stuff for money.

This is not dissimilar from how a typical household deploys its economic resources: instead of raising livestock and crops, most of us go to the grocery store. Instead of knitting our own clothes and cobbling our own shoes, we order shirts and shoes online. Instead of toiling against weeds, we hire a lawn-care company. Instead of exposing ourselves to pests and poisons, we call an exterminator. Yet we don’t worry about having a trade deficit with Walmart, L.L. Bean, TruGreen or Orkin. As Smith observed, “It is the maxim of every prudent master of a family never to attempt to make at home what it will cost him more to make than to buy.” This principle of free exchange applies to households and nations alike: “What is prudence in the conduct of every private family can scarce be folly in that of a great kingdom.”

There are real reasons to get tough with Beijing – its piecemeal annexation of the South China Sea, industrial-scale cyberespionage, contempt for intellectual property and human rights, onerous entrance costs for access to the Chinese market – but the mere existence of a trade deficit is not one of them.

A sparkling reminder of the Love that joins Family Together Forever

FREE
Personalization!



**CUSTOMIZE YOUR BRACELET FREE WITH THE NAMES
AND CRYSTAL BIRTHSTONES OF YOUR CHOICE!**

*Hand-crafted with a gleaming braided cable
of durable stainless steel*

*Lavishly plated with sterling silver
and 18K gold accents*



Heart charm engraved
with "Family of Love"



Non-personalized hearts are accented with clear crystals

Family Is Forever Personalized Birthstone Bracelet

A meaningful tribute to the family that you cherish, this exclusive design is crafted with a stylish cable bracelet of braided stainless steel. The centerpiece of the bracelet is a series of cascading waves plated in sterling silver with 18K gold-plated accents, ready to be engraved with your family members' names.

Each engraved family member's wave is accompanied by a sparkling crystal heart birthstone. The bracelet holds up to 8 names (maximum 8 character per name) and birthstones so you can create your own unique personal treasure. The adjustable bracelet includes a 1" extender to fit most wrists, which is finished with a heart charm plated in sterling silver and 18K gold, and engraved with "Family of Love."

A Superb Value with Satisfaction Guaranteed

Our "Family Is Love" Personalized Birthstone Bracelet is a stylish way to show your love of family, and it makes a thoughtful gift. This custom bracelet arrives in a jewelry pouch and presentation box along with a Certificate of Authenticity, and is an exceptional value at \$129*, payable in 4 convenient installments of \$32.25. To reserve yours, backed by our unconditional 120-day guarantee, send no money now; just fill out and send in the Priority Reservation. This personalized bracelet is only available from The Bradford Exchange—you won't find it in stores. So don't miss out—respond as soon as possible!

*For information on sales tax you may owe to your state, go to bradfordexchange.com/use-tax.

Order now at bradfordexchange.com/25813

©2019 The Bradford Exchange 01-25813-001-BIBR

PRIORITY RESERVATION

SEND NO MONEY NOW

THE BRADFORD EXCHANGE
JEWELRY

P.O. Box 806, Morton Grove, IL 60053-0806

Limit of 8 names with maximum of 8 letters per name; Use 3 letter abbreviation for birth month.

Yes! Please reserve the "Family Is Forever" Personalized Birthstone Bracelet for me as described in this announcement, with the names and birthstones indicated at right.

Name	Birth Month	Name	Birth Month
1		5	
2		6	
3		7	
4		8	

Signature _____

Mrs. Mr. Ms. _____
Name (Please Print Clearly)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail (Optional) _____

01-25813-001-E94901

*Plus a total of \$11.98 shipping and service, plus sales tax (see bradfordexchange.com). Please allow 4-6 weeks after initial payment for delivery. Sales subject to product availability and order acceptance.

Moreover, attacking the China trade deficit with tariffs won't have a significant effect on the structural-institutional-political causes of Beijing's malign actions – and will likely hurt U.S. consumers and producers more than it hurts China's state-owned enterprises. It's akin to a doctor treating your earache by subjecting your spouse to chemotherapy. Not only is it the wrong treatment, it's given to the wrong patient. "Let's absolutely take on Chinese bad behavior," says Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., "but with a plan that punishes them instead of us."

Since the rest of the world is also alarmed by China's behavior, it would make sense to create a common front against China by partnering with friends in Europe, the Americas and Asia in using trade as a tool to encourage better behavior in Beijing. Washington's tariff salvos seem to have done the opposite.

KINDLING Trump argues he's trying "to bring fairness into trade." To his credit, he has proposed a "no tariffs, no barriers" G-7. European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and Trump have agreed to work toward "zero tariffs" and "zero subsidies on non-auto industrial goods." And both Mexico and Canada agreed to refurbish – and rename – the NAFTA treaty, which is now called the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, or USMCA.

Yet we're a long way from a brave new world without tariffs. The worry is that Trump's no-tariffs-or-more-tariffs ultimatum may not only fail to lower foreign tariffs – it could trigger a full-blown trade war.

In response to Trump's tariffs on steel and aluminum, for instance, the European Union (EU) retaliated with tariffs on American jeans, orange juice, motorcycles, cigarettes and corn. Mexico slapped tariffs on American whiskey and agriculture. China targeted U.S. soybeans and crude oil. Canada responded with tariffs on U.S. ketchup, lawnmowers, coffee and candy. India added levies on U.S. apples, nuts and coiled metal.

Ultimately, Americans bear these costs. Reacting to a new 20 percent U.S. tariff, LG raised the price of its washers and dryers by \$50. Coca-Cola passed along to consumers increased costs associated with aluminum and steel tariffs. Soybean prices fell 40 cents a bushel after Beijing unleashed its own volley of tariffs. As the *Financial Times* reports, that translates into a \$12,000 loss for a typical soybean farmer.

Things could get worse. Administration threats to increase tariffs on European cars by 25 percent – which would up the cost of a typical European-built car sold in the United States by \$11,700 – drew a warning from the EU that it was prepared to retaliate with \$294 billion in tariffs.

"We fool ourselves if we think trade wars can't happen again," my Fraser Institute colleague Fred McMahon observes. He explains how the idea behind the 1930 Smoot-Hawley legislation "was to protect U.S. farmers with a higher tariff. But as it moved through Congress, the political game became 'if you support my tariff, I'll support yours' – until 890 tariffs were raised."

The rest of the world responded in kind, and the result was disastrous. Between 1929 and 1934, world trade fell by 66 percent, U.S. imports from Europe by 70 percent, U.S. exports to Europe by 66.5 percent. This served as dry kindling for the Depression.

"The fallout of a global trade war would be worse today," McMahon contends. "At the time of Smoot-Hawley, international trade equaled only a few percentage points of GDP; today, U.S. imports and exports equal 30 percent of U.S. GDP."

Trump says, "Trade wars are good, and easy to win." History says otherwise.

Moreover, history suggests the pathway to fair trade is free trade. FTAs have steadily leveled the playing field and made international trade fairer: there were 23 regional trade agreements in 1988; by 2012, there were 233. This proliferation of trade deals whittled the average applied tariff rate from 33.96 percent to 2.88 percent.

If any country could wall itself off from the world and make autarky work, it's the United States, with its vast agricultural, technological, industrial and natural resources.

However, it wouldn't work as well for the American people as free trade. Americans are richer and freer to pursue their talents precisely because we trade goods and services around the world. And trade barriers are lower today than they've been in centuries precisely because the United States has led the way in promoting "the greatest possible freedom of trade," in Roosevelt's words.

Perhaps Trump's tariffs will succeed at convincing other nations to lower trade barriers. But given the history he's up against, there's no guarantee. 🌿

Alan W. Dowd is a senior fellow with the Fraser Institute.

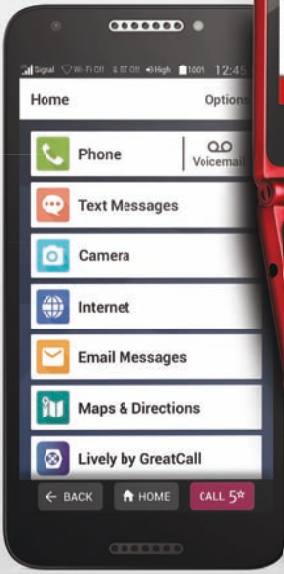
Easier is better with a Jitterbug.

jitterbug
smart2

Plans with data as low as
\$17.48 month*

Simple menu
Large, 5.5" screen
Long-lasting battery
Voice Typing makes texting easy
Mobile Internet access
5Star® Service for emergency help, 24/7
Built-in 13MP camera with flash

No contracts
No cancellation fees



jitterbug
flip

Plans as low as
\$14.99 month*

Large screen and big buttons
Simple menu with YES/NO navigation
Powerful speaker
Long-lasting battery
Built-in camera with flash
Reading magnifier with LED flashlight
5Star button for emergency help, 24/7



EASY From the creators of the original, easy-to-use cell phone comes the Jitterbug® Flip and the Jitterbug Smart2. Both phones have large screens, simple menus and powerful speakers. The Jitterbug Flip is the easy-to-use cell phone that is perfect for staying connected to family and friends. The Jitterbug Smart2 is the simplest smartphone ever for anyone who wants to text, email, get directions, and browse the Internet with ease.

SAFE Turn your Jitterbug Flip or Jitterbug Smart2 into a personal safety device with our exclusive 5Star Service. In any uncertain or

unsafe situation, simply press the 5Star button and our highly-trained Urgent Response Agents will confirm your location, evaluate your situation and get you the help you need.

AFFORDABLE Talk plans are as low as \$14⁹⁹ with Jitterbug Smart2 data plans as low as just \$2⁴⁹ per month. There are no contracts to sign and no cancellation fees. Plus, coverage is powered by the nation's largest and most dependable wireless network.

Friendly customer service representatives are happy to help you figure out which phone is best for you. **Ask about our new Unlimited Plan!**

To order or learn more, call **1-866-374-8027** and get a **FREE Car Charger**, a \$25 value!



Nationwide coverage

No contracts
No cancellation fees

Free U.S.-based customer service and tech support

No hidden monthly fees

Keep your current phone number

Available at:



For more information,
visit greatcall.com/Phones



*Monthly fees do not include government taxes or assessment surcharges and are subject to change. Plans and services may require purchase of a GreatCall device and a one-time setup fee of \$35. 5Star or 9-1-1 calls can be made only when cellular service is available. 5Star Service tracks an approximate location of the device when the device is turned on and connected to the network. GreatCall does not guarantee an exact location. Car charger will be mailed to customer after the device is activated. Jitterbug, GreatCall and 5Star are registered trademarks of GreatCall, Inc. Copyright ©2019 GreatCall, Inc.

A Contract Fulfilled



For 90 years, John Ivens American Legion Post 42 has watched over the historic Grand Canyon Pioneer Cemetery.

BY HENRY HOWARD

Memories whisper to Al Dunaway as he walks slowly but purposefully through Grand Canyon Pioneer Cemetery.

“It’s like going back to your old home place to see old friends,” says Dunaway, adjutant and service officer for John Ivens American Legion Post 42 in Grand Canyon, Ariz.

“I got a lot of old friends right here I’m coming to visit. I have memories of each one as I walk by – things I did with them, good times we had, bad times we had. You stop and think about all of it with each one of ‘em.”

Dunaway, a Navy veteran, is no ordinary visitor to the cemetery on the grounds of Grand Canyon National Park. He’s the primary caretaker, a role filled by Post 42 since the cemetery’s dedication in 1928. Of its roughly 400 graves, approximately 80 are the final resting places for veterans – some dating back as far as the Spanish-American War.

From the park’s founding, Post 42 has conducted Memorial Day observances there. Throughout the year, post members maintain the U.S. flags and bronze American Legion grave markers. They also perform honor guard duties.

About 15 years ago, Dunaway received a call from John Horning, who said he’d pay for an honor guard for the funeral of his father, Charles.

“Your dad already paid for it,” Dunaway recalls saying. “When he jumped at Normandy, and when he jumped at Arnhem, and when he went to Bastogne with the 101st Airborne Division. My God, he paid in full. You don’t owe anything. We’re just fulfilling the contract with him.”

The 2-acre cemetery was established in 1924, but some of its graves are even older. In addition to veterans, those interred include Grand Canyon



Al Dunaway, Post 42’s adjutant, helps maintain veterans’ graves at a cemetery inside Grand Canyon National Park. Photos by Lucas Carter

pioneers, tribal members, former U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service employees, and others whose efforts contributed to the park.

The cemetery is now out of room, though it continues burials for people who have a spouse or immediate family member already interred there.

Visitors enter

through a gateway arch, dedicated by members of Post 42 on May 30, 1928. Birds and other wildlife make the cemetery their home, surrounded by large ponderosa pines that cast long shadows. Pine cones, leaves and brush partially cover the area’s dusty footpaths.

“You’ll hear the sound of the wind in the trees, and ravens and other animals around will make noises,” Dunaway says. “Sometimes you get echoes coming back out of the canyon. We’ve done taps here for a funeral – actually, echo taps, because it was echoing back out of the canyon while a bugler was playing. It’s a peaceful, quiet place that makes you relaxed and comfortable when you come here.”

Dunaway pauses at various graves, sharing stories about his mentors, fellow post members and other friends. He helped bury many of them.

“They deserve a nice, quiet resting place,” he says. “They are my brothers and sisters. They served, just like I did. They’re gone. I’m still here. So it behooves me to watch over them and respect them, and to take pride in what I do here. It’s an honor.” 🌿

Henry Howard is deputy director of media and communications for The American Legion.



Watch a video: [legion.org/magazine](https://www.legion.org/magazine)



TO STRENGTHEN A NATION / THE AMERICAN LEGION STORY

PART 9

HONOR & REMEMBRANCE

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars ...



◀ THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

American Legion founding leader Hamilton Fish introduced legislation during his first term in Congress to memorialize an unknown fallen U.S. soldier of the Great War. The bill, with backing from the newly formed American Legion, passed to entomb at Arlington National Cemetery one unknown soldier buried in France. On Memorial Day 1921, Sgt. Edward F. Younger, a combat veteran, chose one fallen comrade from four caskets lined up in France. The chosen one was sent to Washington, where on Nov. 11, 1921, surrounded by the Allied generals of the Great War and members of The American Legion, President Warren G. Harding dedicated the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The American Legion has maintained a deep connection with the tomb, calling for and achieving overnight surveillance in 1926 and 24-hour armed guarding in 1937, which continue today by the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, the "Old Guard." The remains of unknown soldiers from World War II and the Korean War were added in 1958, and were presented the Medal of Honor by President Eisenhower. In 1969, for its 50th anniversary, The American Legion raised nearly \$200,000 as a gift to the nation to install lighting at the tomb. President Ronald Reagan served as next of kin to the Vietnam War unknown, placed in the tomb in 1984, who was later identified through DNA testing, removed and returned to his family.

No local charters had yet been approved when veterans who gathered at the formative May 8-10, 1919, St. Louis Caucus of The American Legion determined that posts should not be named for living people. Thus, across the country and around the world, local posts became memorial shrines to those who served, sacrificed and strengthened America through history – from Army Capt. Carter C. Hanner of Stillwater, Okla., who died Oct. 8, 1918, in the Meuse-Argonne, to Illinois National Guard Sgt. Shawna Morrison, who lost her life in a mortar attack in Iraq on Sept. 5, 2004.

Namesakes are enshrined in glass cases, displayed on walls or documented on the Legion's centennial website (legion.org/centennial), paying homage to

those who fell in defense of the nation. Thousands who became post namesakes made the ultimate sacrifice before The American Legion was formed.

The Legion's vow to "preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars" is illustrated by more than 2,400 memorials uploaded to the Legion's centennial database since it was introduced in 2016 (legion.org/memorials).

As walls, statues, bridges, gazebos, benches and even stadiums arose throughout the century to honor military sacrifice, the Legion has worked to ensure that no generation forgets the cost of freedom, regardless of war era or location.

The Legion's legacy of honor and remembrance is immense, with numerous examples.

Littleton Coin congratulates
& thanks The American Legion
for 100 Years of Service to veterans,
communities and our country!

*We commend you on this
historic milestone...*

Own a Prized Set of WWII Silver Mercury Dimes!

Last 5 Years of a Classic Series 1941-1945...

Remember America's great World War II victories in Europe and the Pacific with a prized 5-coin set of 1941-1945 Mercury dimes – all struck in 90% fine silver! This historic circulated set represents every year of U.S. involvement in WWII and contains the last 5 years of a classic silver series....

Order your set by deadline for **ONLY \$9.95** – a savings of **OVER 75% OFF** the regular price of ~~\$46.95~~ – and get a **FREE** reprocessed 1943 Steel cent (struck to save copper for the war). You'll also receive our fully illustrated catalog, plus other fascinating selections from our Free Examination Coins-on-Approval Service, from which you may purchase any or none of the coins – return balance in 15 days – with option to cancel at any time.

Mail coupon today or visit www.LittletonCoin.com/specials



Common
reverse



**SAVE
OVER 75%!**

*Due to fluctuations
in the coin market,
prices and limits are
subject to change.*

FREE!

when you order by deadline



**Reprocessed
1943 Steel
Cent!**
Minted in
steel to save
copper for
the war effort

**45-Day Money Back
Guarantee of Satisfaction**

Special Offer for New Customers Only

☒ **YES!** Please send my 1941-1945 WWII Silver Mercury Dime Set for **ONLY \$9.95** – regularly ~~\$46.95~~, plus **FREE** Shipping (limit 3 sets). Also send my **FREE** reprocessed 1943 Steel Cent (one per customer, please).

Method of payment: ☐ Check payable to Littleton Coin Co.

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card No.

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

 Exp. Date

--	--	--	--

 /

--	--	--	--

Name

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Please print clearly

Address

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

 Apt#

--	--	--	--

City

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

 State

--	--	--	--

 Zip

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

E-Mail

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Order Deadline: 12:00 Midnight, May 31, 2019

How Many Sets (limit 3):

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Total Cost @ \$9.95 per set: \$

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

**SPECIAL
SAVINGS!**

Add Custom Mercury
Dime Display Folders
& **SAVE 15% @ \$2.95**
each! (Regularly ~~\$3.49~~): \$

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Shipping & Handling: **\$FREE!**

*Sales Tax: \$

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Total Amount: \$

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



**Made in
USA**

Please send coupon to:



Dept. 5HR400
1309 Mt. Eustis Road
Littleton NH 03561-3737

America's Favorite Coin Source • TRUSTED SINCE 1945

*We are required by law to collect sales tax on orders for the following states. Tax requirements are subject to change; visit LittletonCoin.com/TaxInfo for the up-to-date list. For orders paid by credit card, we will calculate and charge the tax required by law. Total Amount is taxable: CA, DC, HI, IA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MN, MS, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OK, TN, VT, WI, WV. Folders only (not coins) taxable in: AL, CO, CT, GA, IL, IN, LA, MI, NC, ND, NE, PA, RI, SC, SD, UT, WA, WY.



Library of Congress

THE LIBERTY MEMORIAL

During its third national convention on Nov. 1, 1921, The American Legion helped dedicate the towering Liberty Memorial in Kansas City. The convention was an early stop in the Allied Victory Tour across the United States with Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France, Gens. John Pershing of the United States and Armando Diaz of Italy, and Adm. David Beatty of Great Britain. President Calvin Coolidge attended the ceremony, during which American Legion Distinguished Service Medals were presented to Foch, Diaz, Beatty, Lt. Gen. Baron Jacques of Belgium and M. Charles Bertrand of France, president of the Inter-Allied Veterans Association.

“Two white ‘doves of peace’ were released before the multitude, to fly to Washington with a peace message for the first Disarmament Conference about to assemble there. Years later, a committee confessed that no carrier pigeons had been provided, but at the last minute, some small boys hired by him had corralled two white pigeons in a public park. They were duly released at the dedication, rose and circled the site, and flew off – as far as the park where they lived. Perhaps it was a bad omen for peace.”

Richard Seelye Jones, writing about the 1921 dedication of the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City



Jeff Stoffer

AMERICAN LEGION MAUSOLEUM

The American Legion Mausoleum in the Parisian suburb of Neuilly, France, was dedicated May 28, 1939. A joint project begun in 1936 by the Legion’s Department of France, American Legion Paris Post 1 and Myron T. Herrick Post 4, the mausoleum/memorial site is the final resting place of 285 U.S. veterans and two of their spouses. It is adorned with the emblem of The American Legion. The plot, on land originally donated by the city, was purchased by Post 1 and the Department of France for 50,000 francs in June 1937. Donations poured in from around the world. The total cost to build the mausoleum was 336,000 francs, and American Legion ceremonies continue to be conducted there today.

THE OSSUARY AT VERDUN

“The Ossuary of Verdun will in truth be a lighthouse for the world. It will be looked upon as one of the world’s most noble structures, noble in the associations it recalls and noble in its own architectural grandeur.”

American Legion National Commander

J.R. McQuigg, in a June 18, 1926, American Legion Weekly resolution-driven appeal to posts everywhere to contribute funds for the memorial in France and another in Liege, Belgium, to commemorate Allied sacrifices necessary to regain peace in World War I



ABMC

NEW Rechargeable Digital Hearing Aid Technology Only \$229!*

(*Each when you buy a pair)

The new more powerful HearClear™ HCR3 rechargeable hearing aid combines advanced technology with a low price to provide you with outstanding value.

5 Star Reviews! ★★★★★

Outstanding Product! "This product is outstanding. Dad loves it, my mom loves it, and I am grateful! Don't believe that you have to spend a lot of money to get a quality hearing aid"
- *Gilmore B.*

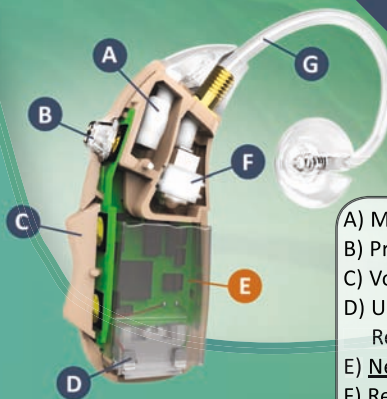


HCR3 Features!

- ✓ Digital sound processing chip provides **clear sound and makes speech easier to understand** with less feedback than old analog technology
- ✓ Don't worry about replacing batteries! **Full Charge Gives 16 Hours of Use! (Charger Included)**
- ✓ Easy **On / Off Button**
- ✓ Automatic Noise Reduction and Feedback Cancellation
- ✓ **100% Money Back Guarantee**
- ✓ **4 Programs** for different listening situations
- ✓ Helps most **moderate to significant hearing losses** (call us if you need more power)

Even Better In Pairs!

Your brain is designed to use both ears working together. In fact, studies show that you may be able to **hear up to 3 times better** in noisy situations when using two hearing aids. Buy a pair for the best results and maximum savings!



- A) Microphone
- B) Program Button
- C) Volume Control
- D) USB Charging Port & Rechargeable Battery
- E) New Digital Processor
- F) Receiver (Speaker)
- G) Sound Tube

New Improved
R3 Digital Processor™!

Simple.

Affordable.

Rechargeable Digital Hearing Aid - For Only \$229!*

The new HearClear™ HCR3 Rechargeable Digital Hearing Aids are now available to you for an unbelievably affordable price! The HCR3 is packed with the same key technologies that all high end digital hearing aids share while leaving out the extra bells and whistles that increase cost and require expensive adjustments. This helps you **hear better, while saving you a lot of money.**

Your new HearClear HCR3 hearing aids work at a fraction of the cost of name-brand hearing aids, and you won't have to keep changing the batteries!

You will love the discreet, comfortable, lightweight Open-fit design. The HCR3 is pre-programmed for most moderate to significant hearing losses, so you won't need professional appointments to make costly adjustments. **It is shipped directly to you and will help you hear better right out of the box!**

You can spend thousands for an expensive hearing aid, or you can spend just \$249 for a hearing aid that is great for most hearing losses (**only \$229 each when you buy a pair – hear up to 3 times better than wearing just one**). We are so sure you will love your hearing aids that we offer a **100% Money Back Guarantee - Risk Free** if you are not satisfied for any reason.

NOW ON SALE!

~~List Price: \$849~~

Sale Price: \$229*

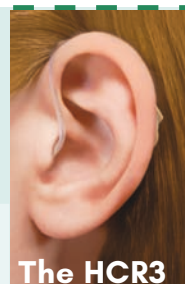
MONEY SAVING OFFER!

Use Coupon Code: **AL95**

1-888-318-4376

***Only \$229 Each When You Buy A Pair!**

(Coupon Code & Price Valid For A Limited Time Only)



The HCR3

Not available in the state of Washington
 **Advanced Affordable Hearing**™
Affordable Quality Since 1996!



FDA
REGISTERED

Visit and Save: **www.AdvancedHearing.com/AL95**



TOMB OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, CUBA

A tomb/memorial at the Colon Cemetery in Havana, Cuba, honors U.S. Civil War, Spanish-American and World War I veterans. The memorial has an engraved American Legion emblem and appears well-maintained, 60 years after the communist revolution and 58 years after the Castro regime executed the commander of Havana American Legion Post 1 after a show trial. The tomb was dedicated in 1926 by Post 1, joined by the Grand Army of the Republic, United Confederate Veterans and United Spanish War Veterans.



THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

The American Legion sponsored a four-day "National Salute to Vietnam Veterans" Nov. 11-14, 1982, the highlight of which was the formal dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Nov. 13, attended by thousands. The Vietnam Wall would ultimately be engraved with the names of more than 58,300 U.S. military personnel who died as a result of their war wounds, primarily between 1959 and 1975. It is the most-attended veterans memorial in the nation, receiving more than 3 million visitors per year. The American Legion presented a check for \$1 million to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund at the national convention in August that year, making it the single largest contributor to the monument's construction.



THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

American Legion posts worldwide conduct annual Four Chaplains ceremonies in February to honor and remember the Feb. 3, 1943, sinking of USAT *Dorchester* during World War II. The German strike forced more than 900 men aboard to abandon ship. Methodist minister George L. Fox, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Dutch Reformed minister Rev. Clark V. Poling and Roman Catholic priest John P. Washington gave up their life jackets to assist others and drowned after helping dozens of soldiers onto life boats. The chaplains locked arms and were heard singing hymns and praying as *Dorchester* sank into the icy Atlantic.



KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

The American Legion raised more than \$575,000 in cash donations and was the largest marketer of U.S. Mint commemorative coins to support construction of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Legionnaires from across the country gathered at the National Mall on July 27, 1995, led by National Commander William Detweiler of Louisiana, for the dedication, the centerpiece of a four-day event to recognize veterans who served and sacrificed in the war.

BY THIS TIME **TONIGHT** This Could Be Your New Bathroom



ONE-DAY
No Mess
Installation!

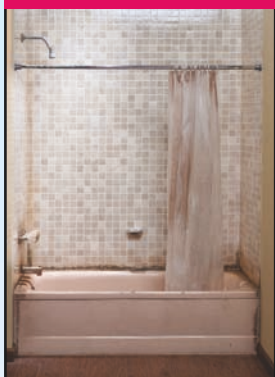


TONIGHT 4:00 PM

CALL NOW FOR
FREE
Safety Upgrade*
(\$599 value)

Fits Your Existing Tub Space

TODAY 7:00 AM



- Incredible Financing!
- Lifetime Warranty!
- Full Senior Discount!

These Great Incentives
Expire Soon...
SO CALL NOW!

Give us A DAY and we'll give you a new beautiful shower with luxurious new fixtures in your choice of colors and styles - installed by experts at a price you can afford. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call us today! Enjoy your new shower **TONIGHT!**

*with purchase of any complete shower system

 **BATHWRAPS**
Simply transformative

CALL NOW!
Or visit us online for details

Call Now For **FREE** Safety Upgrade Package!
1-800-260-6985
www.MySafeShower.com
State licenses for authorized dealers available at www.MySafeShower.com





LAFAYETTE ESCADRILLE MEMORIAL

In October 2000, The American Legion Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Fund was authorized to allocate \$25,000 to help repair and restore the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial near Paris, built in 1928. A massive memorial crypt containing sarcophagi of 68 American aviators who died fighting with the French as part of the unique squadron, the site was restored in 2015 and 2016. A year later, its ownership was transferred to the American Battle Monuments Commission.



NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

Contributions from The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion topped \$2.7 million on March 28, 2000, to help build the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. By the time the memorial was dedicated in 2004, the Legion had raised more than \$3.4 million for the effort and now frequently leads Honor Flight visits to the site for World War II veterans.



NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL

In 2017, The American Legion National Executive Committee pledged \$300,000 to help fund construction of the National World War I Memorial at Pershing Park in Washington, D.C. The NEC had previously approved and allocated funds to the U.S. World War One Centennial Commission to produce educational materials about the war and to support a special event in Kansas City commemorating the 100th anniversary of U.S. entry.



POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE

Resolution 288, passed at the 67th American Legion National Convention Aug. 27, 1985, calls for designation of a POW/MIA Empty Chair at official meetings of The American Legion, as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for. The message, recited prayerfully, is as follows:

This table, set for one, is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors.

The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single red rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep the faith, while awaiting their return.

The yellow ribbon on the vase represents the yellow ribbons worn on the lapels of the thousands who demand, with unyielding determination, a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us tonight.

A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.

The glass is inverted.

They cannot toast with us this night.

The chair is empty. They are not here.

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation. Let us pray to the supreme commander that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks.

Let us remember and never forget their sacrifices.

May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families.

*Introducing
the future of personal
transportation.*



The Zinger folds to a mere 10 inches.

It's not a Wheelchair...

It's not a Power Chair...

It's a Zinger Chair!

More and more Americans are reaching the age where mobility is an everyday concern. Whether from an injury or from the aches and pains that come from getting older—getting around isn't as easy as it used to be. You may have tried a power chair or a scooter. The **Zinger** is NOT a power chair or a scooter! The **Zinger** is quick and nimble, yet it is not prone to tipping like many scooters. Best of all, it weighs only 47.2 pounds and folds and unfolds with ease. You can take it almost anywhere, providing you with independence and freedom.

Years of work by innovative engineers have resulted in a mobility device that's truly unique. They created a battery that provides powerful energy at a fraction of the weight of most batteries. The **Zinger** features two steering levers, one on either side of the seat. The user pushes both levers down to go forward, pulls them both up to brake, and pushes one while pulling the other to turn to either side. This enables great mobility, the ability to turn on a dime and to pull right up to tables or desks. The controls are right on the steering lever

so it's simple to operate and its exclusive footrest swings out of the way when you stand up or sit down. With its rugged yet lightweight aluminum frame, the **Zinger** is sturdy and durable yet convenient and comfortable! What's more, it easily folds up for storage in a car seat or trunk—you can even gate-check it at the airport like a stroller. Think about it, you can take your **Zinger** almost anywhere, so you don't have to let mobility issues rule your life. It folds in seconds without tools and is safe and reliable. It holds up to 265 pounds, and it goes up to 6 mph and operates for up to 8 hours on a single charge.

Why spend another day letting mobility issues hamper your independence and quality of life?

Zinger Chair®

**Call now and receive a utility basket
absolutely FREE with your order.**

1-888-630-6851

Please mention code 111446 when ordering.

Just think of the places you can go: • Shopping • Air Travel • Bus Tours

• Restaurants—ride right up to the table! • Around town or just around your house

Zinger is not a wheelchair or medical device and is not covered by Medicare or Medicaid.

© 2019 firstSTREET for Boomers and Beyond, Inc.

LORE OF THE LEGION

STORY: JEFF STOFFER
ART: GARY MARTIN
COLOR: MARCUS ESKOW

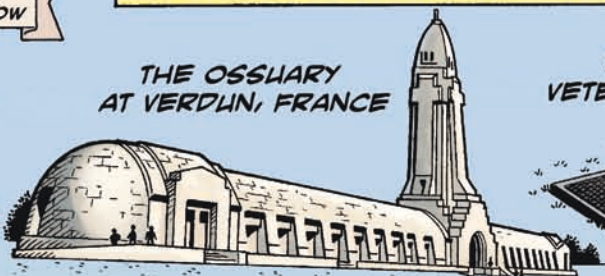
"TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE GREAT WARS..." IS A SACRED LINE IN THE PREAMBLE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION CONSTITUTION. VETERANS OF THE GREAT WAR WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS THAT THOSE WHO FELL FIGHTING SHALL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

BASED ON THAT PROMISE, THOUSANDS OF MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS HAVE BEEN BUILT, SUPPORTED OR FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION.

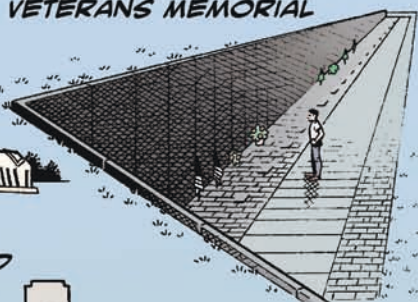
THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



THE OSSUARY AT VERDUN, FRANCE



THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL



THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

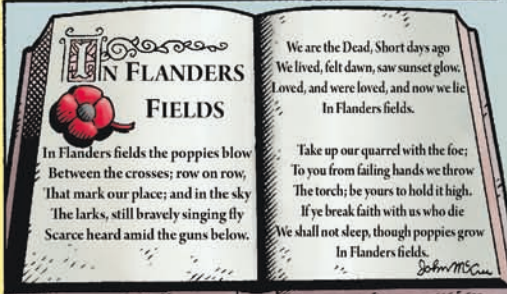


THE KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL



COL. FRANCIS DRAKE, FOUNDER OF POST 1 IN PARIS, HELPED LAUNCH THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS MEMORIAL DAY ASSOCIATION IN 1920, SO TROOPS LAID TO REST IN EUROPE WOULD NEVER BE FORGOTTEN ON THE HOLIDAY DEVOTED TO THEIR SACRIFICE.

THAT YEAR, THE AMERICAN LEGION ALSO ADOPTED THE POPPY AS ITS OFFICIAL FLOWER OF REMEMBRANCE, IN RECOGNITION OF THE ICONIC 1915 POEM, "IN FLANDERS FIELDS" BY CANADIAN WORLD WAR I LT. COL. JOHN MCCRAE.



THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION WAS CREATED IN 1923 TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS ON FOREIGN SOIL.

THE AMERICAN LEGION'S OVERSEAS GRAVES DECORATION TRUST FUND WAS SOON FORMED TO BUY U.S. FLAGS FOR GRAVESITES OF THE FALLEN, INCLUDING BRIG. GEN. THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR., FOUNDED LEADER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, WHO IS BURIED IN NORMANDY, FRANCE.



TODAY, AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARDS LEAD THOUSANDS OF CEREMONIES A YEAR AT FUNERALS FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL.



AND IN 2016, AN AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL ONLINE DATABASE WAS INTRODUCED TO DISPLAY PHOTOS AND DETAILS ABOUT MILITARY AND VETERANS MEMORIALS ACROSS THE LAND. BY MARCH 2019, THE GROWING PLATFORM AT WWW.LEGION.ORG/MEMORIALS CONTAINED NEARLY 2,400 ENTRIES!

NEXT:
BIRTH OF THE
FLAG CODE

FIND MORE ILLUSTRATED VETERAN STORIES AT WWW.FULLMAGAZINEPUBLISHING.COM



I SERVED FOR

Honor

At USAA, the same values that guide our military inspire us to go above and beyond for our members. When you join USAA, you'll be part of an organization where we have everything you need to make your membership a lifelong bond.

JOIN USAA TODAY.

CALL 877-699-2654 OR VISIT [USAA.COM/LEGION](https://usaa.com/legion)



USAA is proud to be the
Preferred Provider
of Insurance and Financial Services
to The American Legion

USAA means United Services Automobile Association and its affiliates. Use of the term "member" or "membership" refers to membership in USAA Membership Services and does not convey any legal or ownership rights in USAA. Restrictions apply and are subject to change. The American Legion receives financial support from USAA for this sponsorship. © 2019 USAA. 257612-0119-TAL

CENTENNIAL

An Oregonian's place in the Legion's birth

Founder George A. White had 'a great vision to fulfill a great need.'

BY KEN OLSEN

He was a beloved soldier, family man, Oregonian and visionary co-founder of The American Legion. And George A. White's legacy infused a gathering of veterans, families and dignitaries who packed Post 10 in Albany, Ore., on March 15 to mark the 100th birthday of the nation's largest veterans service organization.

"He was there from the very beginning," Oregon Alternate National Executive Committeeman Andy Millar said. "He was a true Legionnaire."

In January 1919, Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. invited White, William Donovan – future founder of U.S. intelligence services – and engineer and architect Eric Fisher Wood to dinner to discuss low morale among American troops. The war-weary soldiers were apprehensive about returning home to an uncertain future after enduring brutal combat on the Western Front. At a meeting of 20 officers a month later, it was White who proposed a large gathering of servicemembers to discuss these issues. As many as 1,000 American troops attended what became known as the Paris Caucus beginning on March 15, 1919, which formed The American Legion.

When Roosevelt and White first discussed launching an organization to represent American veterans of the Great War, "the question was, 'Who is going to take care of the boys when they all get home? Who is going to care about them and their jobs?' Because at that juncture, there was no Veterans Administration," American Legion Past National Commander Charles E. Schmidt said. "And because there were some boys who would never go home, there were widows and orphans. Who was going to take care of them? Little did they know, it would be them."



White served with the Utah artillery during the Spanish-American War, then joined the Oregon National Guard and led a cavalry unit during the Mexican expedition of 1916-1917. Oregon's 3rd Regiment – which he commanded – was the first National Guard unit ready to go to the front when the United States entered World War I. White became one of Gen. John Pershing's personal aides and was at his side when the Armistice was signed Nov. 11, 1919, in France.

White was elected secretary of the Legion's first National Executive Committee.

He and another Oregonian, Robert Follet, were two of the first national vice commanders. Because of his experience at *The Salt Lake Tribune* and Portland's *The Oregonian*, White also became the first editor of *The American Legion Weekly*.

White returned to his post as adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard. He fell ill while training Oregon's 41st Division and died of pneumonia Nov. 23, 1941. "The doctor told him, 'You are going to die if you don't get bed rest,'" said Pamela Pearson-Craig, White's great-granddaughter. White believed readying his troops was more important given the prospect that the United States was on the brink of another war.

Pearson-Craig grew up hearing story after story about her great-grandfather's influence. "It's nothing short of amazing that he and other founding fathers had a great vision to fulfill a great need," she said. "It is wonderful that The American Legion is still going strong. This would make him very happy – to know one of his many legacies lives on."

Ken Olsen is a frequent contributor to The American Legion Magazine.

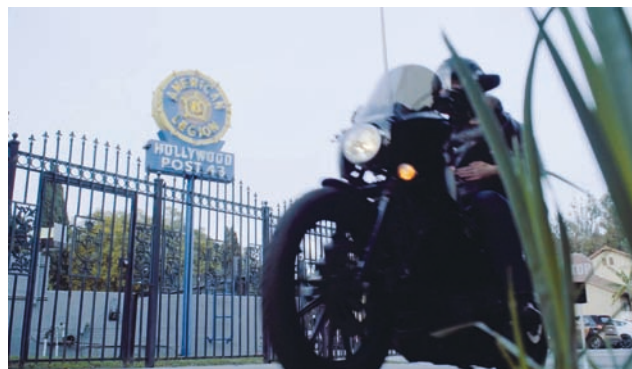
MEDIA

Episodes of American Legion documentary online

The first episodes of a newly produced centennial documentary on the history and influence of The American Legion are now available for viewing online.

Written and developed by American Legion National Headquarters, "To Strengthen a Nation" features professional actors who are also Legionnaires crisscrossing the country to discover how The American Legion was formed, grew, and serves community, state and nation today. Episodes will be posted monthly or bimonthly until the 101st National Convention in Indianapolis in late August.

Watch episodes of "To Strengthen a Nation" on the Legion's YouTube channel, [youtube.com/americanlegionHQ](https://www.youtube.com/americanlegionHQ), or [legion.org/legiontv](https://www.legion.org/legiontv) under "To Strengthen a Nation."



THE PERFECT POLO! AT A PERFECT PRICE

SALE!

only **9⁹⁹** each when you buy 3



CHARCOAL STRIPE (ZR)

CHARCOAL STRIPE (ZR)

SEA (BB)

FRENCH BLUE (5E)

NEW! LIGHT PURPLE (QS)

RED (25)

BLUE STRIPE (SB)

NEW! MOSS (FG)

NEW! BLUE LEAF (P5)

GREY HEATHER (6J)

NEW! MARIGOLD (SO)

OCEAN (YF)

NEW! BLACK (01)

FREE SHIPPING!

MENS **HABAND**

CLASSIC PIQUÉ POLO

A must-have for every man that's anything but basic! This fade-resistant classic looks proper on the course or around town, tucked in or worn out. Handy button-closure chest pocket with eyeglass loop. Roomy cut. Machine washable cotton/polyester. Imported.

Sizes: S, M, L, XL

Buy 3, ~~\$10.99~~ ea. **Buy 3, \$9.99 ea.**

Sizes: 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

Buy 3, ~~\$16.99~~ ea. **Buy 3, \$14.99 ea.**

Shop at Haband.com or Call Now! 1-800-742-2263

Haband® PO Box 8, Warren, PA 16366-0008

☐ ☐ ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ Discover® ☐ AmEx ☐ Check

Card # _____ Exp.: ____/____

Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City & State _____ Zip _____

Phone/Email _____

In the event of an issue with this order, you expressly consent to receiving autodialed and prerecorded message calls, from us, our agents and others calling at our request or on our behalf, at this telephone number (including any cellular telephone number).

I enclose \$ _____ purchase price, and only ~~\$9.99~~ shipping & handling for my entire order. Add applicable sales tax. (Sales tax is charged as required by law. We reserve the right to charge or collect applicable sales tax for your order, which may differ from the amount you provided. See our website or call customer service for sales tax information.)

☐ **Check for Protection Plus! (X96)**

Expedites replacement of items lost in transit. Add \$2.95 to protect your entire order.

Search this code at Haband.com to get this price & FREE SHIPPING!

		WHAT SIZE?	WHAT WIDTH?	HOW MANY?
	720-1HXP7			
ZR	CHARCOAL STRIPE			
BB	SEA			
5E	FRENCH BLUE			
QS	LIGHT PURPLE			
25	RED			
SB	BLUE STRIPE			
FG	MOSS			
P5	BLUE LEAF			
6J	GREY HEATHER			
SO	MARIGOLD			
YF	OCEAN			
01	BLACK			

Please use blue or black ink.

*Valid on standard shipping for areas served by the US Postal Service.

Satisfaction Guaranteed or Full Refund of merchandise purchase price up to 90 days after receipt.

12410803



National Commander Brett Reistad, right, cuts a cake in celebration of The American Legion's 100th birthday at Post 71 in Charles Town, W.Va., on March 15. The event was for Legion Family members and the public. Photo by Eric Kruszewski

CENTENNIAL

Happy 100th birthday, American Legion

The American Legion's 15-month Centennial Celebration started last August at the 100th National Convention, and ends on Veterans Day. But right in the middle, on March 15, came the Legion's true 100th birthday: the anniversary of the start of the Paris Caucus.

National Commander Brett Reistad attended a gala put on by Jackson-Perks Post 71 in Charles Town, W.Va., where he cut the cake and delivered remarks. "We could have had an elaborate ball in Washington, D.C., or perhaps a ritzy celebration in Paris, but that's not what The American Legion is all about," he said. "The heart and soul of The American Legion is found in our community posts."

Don Chandler, a department vice commander and 49-year member, appreciated Reistad's visit. "When you think of all of the people who belong to The American Legion and all of the places the commander could be, it's amazing that he chose historic Charles Town," Chandler said.

Posts and departments marked the occasion with events big and small:

- Department of Connecticut Commander Tom Flowers and National Vice Commander Paul Spedaliere invited Buck-Dubiel Post 101, along with the entire department, to join them in attending the state's recognition of The American Legion's centennial at the State Capitol in Hartford on March 13.
- Eagan (Minn.) High School hosted a ceremony March 15 to officially rename Eagan American Legion Post 594 in honor of 2005 graduate Daniel R. Olsen, who was killed in action in Iraq. In addition to the Legion's birthday, the 15th was also Olsen's; he would have been 32.
- More than 300 attended a Department of Ohio gala in Columbus March 15 that included remarks from State Treasurer Robert Sprague, a Buckeye Boys State alum and great-grandson of Ralph D. Cole, a Legion founder.
- Laramore-Osborne Post 100 in Royse City, Texas, hosted a birthday event on March 15 at the Military Heritage Collection of North Texas.
- New York Legionnaire Keith Koster completed his personal centennial challenge of summitting each of the 49 Adirondack peaks on March 17.

Go to the Legion's Centennial Celebration website for stories about post and department American Legion birthday celebrations.

 centennial.legion.org



Legion Family members bow their heads in prayer during the Department of Kansas' 100th birthday celebration at Post 17 in Manhattan. Photo by Katie Moore



Members of the Central Florida Legion Family gathered at Kissimmee Post 10 for a motorcycle ride and picnic to celebrate the centennial and raise funds for a Southport, Fla., post damaged by Hurricane Michael. Photo by Jacob M. Langston



AMERICA'S #1 STAIRLIFT BRAND

**AN ACORN STAIRLIFT IS THE
PERFECT SOLUTION FOR:**

- ✓ Arthritis/COPD sufferers
- ✓ Those with mobility issues
- ✓ Anyone who hurts using the stairs



ACCREDITED
BUSINESS

A+
Rating

MILITARY OFFER

CALL TODAY TO
SAVE \$250*

Plus receive your **FREE** stairlift
buying guide, info kit & DVD!

DON'T WAIT, CALL TODAY!

**CALL NOW
AND SAVE!**

1-866-810-2315

*Not valid on previous purchases. Not valid with any other offers or discounts. Not valid on refurbished models. Only valid towards purchase of a NEW Acorn Stairlift directly from the manufacturer. \$250 discount will be applied to new orders. Please mention this ad when calling. AZ ROC 278722, CA 942619, MN LC670698, OK 50110, OR CCB 198506, RI 88, WA ACORNSI8940B, WV WV049654, MA HIC169936, NJ 13VH07752300, PA PA101967, CT ELV 0425003-R5, AK 134057.



USMCA Prestige Set



Silver Canadian Maple Leaf

Silver American Eagle

Silver Mexican Libertad

This unique 3-Coin silver set has been assembled to commemorate one of the most important events in U.S. History. The US, Canada, and Mexico signed a trade deal to replace NAFTA in November last year at the G20 summit in Argentina. It's known as the USMCA (United States, Mexico, Canada Agreement), marking an historical new chapter of prosperity for all.

**3-COIN
PRESENTATION CASE**



\$69 844-218-7103
Call Paramount now to obtain
this set before supplies run out.



LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE • LIMIT 5 PER HOUSEHOLD

www.paramountrc.com • 230 Country Lane Dr. • Lumberton, TX 77657

AMERICAN
NUMISMATIC
ASSOCIATION

NGC
Numismatic Guaranty Corporation

PCGS

CCE
Certified Coin Exchange

ICTA
YOUR INDUSTRY. WATCHDOG.

We reserve the right to withdraw this offer at any time. Coins shown not actual size. Limited to first time callers only. VV#-AL0519





Photo by Lucas Carter

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Reistad: Congress must keep commitment to military, vets

Addressing a joint session of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs on Feb. 27, American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad highlighted the organization's efforts in aiding members of the Coast Guard during the government shutdown – and called on Congress and the administration to adhere to their constitutional responsibility to support the military.

"'Mission' is a word that we take very seriously – something that has been forged into us since our first day of basic training," Reistad said. "It is an inner fortitude that tells us that no matter what it takes, we will accomplish the task at hand. We have seen this clearly demonstrated by the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard, who despite a stoppage of pay continued to deploy more than 2,000 members a day at sea and ashore."

During the shutdown, The American Legion provided financial assistance totaling more than \$1 million to Coast Guard families. "Pay uncertainty is difficult for everyone, but especially those who by contract are required to continue working and risking their lives in an occupation that provides, at best, modest pay," Reistad said.

He also spoke about the high rate of suicides among post-9/11 veterans, saying that PTSD, TBI and the feelings of loss of purpose or belonging reported by veterans who attempt suicide "are either preventable or treatable." He called it "the mission of every Legionnaire, every veteran, every employee of DoD and VA, and every member of Congress" to end the suicide epidemic.

Reistad shared The American Legion's concerns about privatizing VA, as well as implementation of the VA MISSION Act.

"The American Legion does not oppose Choice, but we adamantly oppose any plan that would gut the best health-care system in the country. The central fact remains that nobody understands the unique health-care needs of the veteran population better than the professionals at VA."

Finally, Reistad reminded Congress that the Legion's founders made caring for veterans their life's work. "It's tempting to say 'Mission accomplished,' but that implies our work is done. I prefer to say, 'Mission still being accomplished.' I invite all members of Congress to join us in a mission to make a better America."

LEGION Act in Congress

A bill that would expand membership eligibility for The American Legion was introduced March 8 in the House of Representatives. The Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act – aka the LEGION Act – is a bipartisan effort introduced by Reps. Lou Correa, D-Calif., and Ben Cline, R-Va., with Rep. Gil Cisneros, D-Calif., an original co-sponsor. The bill was introduced Feb. 14 in the Senate by Sens. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., and Thom Tillis, R-N.C.

In congressional testimony Feb. 27, National Commander Brett Reistad called on Congress to take action to amend The American Legion's charter, thereby giving tens of thousands of veterans access to the organization's programs and benefits. The LEGION Act would expand membership eligibility to honorably discharged veterans who served on federal orders in unrecognized times of war since World War II.

American Legion Family members are encouraged to contact their elected officials to encourage them to vote for the LEGION Act, through capwiz.com/legion/home.



"VA's made progress, but it hasn't made enough. The military has changed over the last 50 years. The facilities have to be brought up to snuff, the doctors have to be brought up to snuff. They're not just treating guys any more women are a huge part of our military now."

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., ranking member of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, speaking to hundreds of Legionnaires during a "fireside chat" at the Washington Hilton



"We are not moving money to disassemble our health-care system. We are not privatizing."

Dr. Richard Stone, executive in charge of the Veterans Health Administration, speaking to the Legion's Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission



"We couldn't have continued to perform our operations without you. We will always be in your debt for your generosity."

Coast Guard Master Chief Petty Officer Jason Vanderhaden, thanking the American Legion Family for providing more than \$1 million in financial assistance to Coast Guard families during the government shutdown in January

HONOR HIS PAST. SECURE HER FUTURE.

Including The American Legion in your estate plans is one of the simplest ways to make a lasting impact on the lives of both veterans and future generations.



For more information: plannedgiving@legion.org
317.630.1229 | legion.org/plannedgiving

EIN 90-101797 | Legal Name: American Legion Charities, Inc.
700 N. Pennsylvania St. | P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206



Vehicle Donation Program to Help Veterans



Owners of unused vehicles can donate them for tax breaks while benefiting **American Legion** programs. The American Legion Vehicle Donation Program accepts trucks, vans, SUVs, boats, motorcycles, RVs and more. Proceeds from auction sales support American Legion charities and programs.

To donate your vehicle or for more information, please visit:
www.legion.org/donate/auto or call 844-3-LEGION (844-353-4466) today!

\$20 OFF Limited
Time
Offer!
PLUS FREE
American Flag!

...when you order the

Revolutionary SunSetter 20 Foot Telescoping Flagpole!



with gold
ball top &
American
Flag!

- Eliminates the problems ordinary flagpoles create!
- Extends easily from 7 to 20 feet in seconds!
- No ropes to snarl or clang.
- Flies one or two flags.
- Flags rotate freely 360 degrees without tangles!
- Locking collars and base help prevent accidental telescoping or theft.
- Superb quality, maintenance-free.
- 5-Year Limited Warranty.
- Your choice of aluminum, bronze or white finish.
- FREE Nylon American Flag.



Portable!

Great for
decks and
docks, too!



Sleeve base
included for
ground installation.

Just \$188⁹⁹

Plus a FREE 3'x5' nylon American Flag
(stitched, not printed!) w/embroidered stars!

Call Toll Free: 1-800-876-2340

Use Savings Code: 35388

or order online at:

www.sunsetterflag.com

SunSetter®
FLAGPOLES

184 Charles St., Malden, MA 02148

HONOR & REMEMBRANCE

Legion makes case to keep Bladensburg Memorial



Photo by Pete Marovich

Roughly five miles from where a memorial has recognized the sacrifice of 49 World War I veterans since 1925, The American Legion fought for its preservation during oral arguments Feb. 27 at the U.S. Supreme Court.

At the heart of the controversy is whether the Bladensburg World War I Veterans Memorial can remain on public land amid other veterans memorials in Prince George's County, Md. The constitutional test is known as the First Amendment's Establishment Clause, which bars the government from establishing an official religion and favoring one over another.

In 1925, The American Legion and Gold Star Mothers erected the 40-foot memorial as a tribute to Prince George's County veterans who died during World War I. The cross shape was selected by the Gold Star Mothers to represent their sons' resting place in Europe.

The memorial stood peacefully for decades until the American Humanist Association filed suit, claiming it violated the First Amendment.

The American Legion was represented by the legal teams at First Liberty Institute and Jones Day. Aligning with them was the state of Maryland, which owns and maintains the memorial. More than 50 American Legion members and Gold Star Mothers showed support outside the courthouse.

"This is a really important day," said Kelly Shackelford, president and CEO of First Liberty Institute. "Almost 100 years ago ... mothers who lost their sons in World War I, as well as The American Legion, decided to put up a memorial for those who had given the ultimate sacrifice. It was put up to honor the 49 young men who gave their lives for our country. And the idea that we are talking today about whether we are going to tear down this memorial is really a disgrace."

The Bladensburg memorial was funded privately, and the property where it stands was in private hands when it was erected. However, now it sits on land owned by a governmental agency.

To American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad, it is unthinkable to tear down the memorial. "First and foremost, it is disrespectful to the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation and their families who bore the brunt of the sacrifice," Reistad said. "This memorial does not bring harm to anyone. It is merely a way for the families of the 49 men and the community at large to remember the heroes who called Prince George's County home."

After the arguments, legal scholars suggested that the judges seemed to be leaning toward The American Legion's side in the case. A ruling is due by July 1.

However, Shackelford issued caution while bemoaning the maligned Lemon test, used to determine if a law violates the First Amendment. "It is creating confusion throughout the courts, and it is causing these attacks on veterans memorials and monuments across the country," he said. "I think the court clearly wants to change that. We'll wait to see what they do, but we are encouraged by the way things went today."

— Henry Howard

THE MEN ON THE MEMORIAL

The Bladensburg World War I Veterans Memorial honors 49 men who made the ultimate sacrifice, including:

■ **Capt. Henry Lewis Hulbert, 51**, received the Medal of Honor for "distinguished conduct in the presence of the enemy" during the second Samoan Civil War in 1899. Hulbert, considered the Marine Corps' first gunner, was killed during the battle of Blanc Mont Ridge on Oct. 4, 1918. He posthumously received the Navy Cross for his actions in France four months earlier, when he braved enemy fire to allow delivery of supplies.

■ **Pvt. John Henry Seaburn Jr., 20**, served in the historic 372nd Infantry, 93rd Division, a segregated unit called the Red Hand Division. American Legion John Seaburn Post 140 in College Park was formed in 1938 and held ceremonies at the Bladensburg memorial through the early 1990s.

■ **Pvt. George Washington Farmer, 23**, and his twin brother, Thomas Franklin, enlisted in the Maryland National Guard in June 1917. Thomas was honorably discharged in May 1918 due to his wounds. George was killed in action in Bois de Consenvoye, France, in October 1918.

■ **Pvt. Howard H. Morrow, 18**, was killed in October 1918. He is believed to be the youngest member of the Maryland National Guard at the time of his death. The citation for his Distinguished Service Cross says that Morrow pushed through "terrific machine-gun fire and artillery fire, (and) rescued and brought to safety a wounded comrade. In the action of the next few days he was so severely wounded that he died shortly afterwards."



Photo by Matt Roth

What Adult Diaper Companies Don't Want Men To Know...

Men's Liberty keeps you dry and leak free for up to 24 hours.

The Diaper Dilemma

Urinary incontinence affects more than 5 million men in the United States of all ages. Diapers trap moisture, causing UTIs, discomfort and odors.

Men's Liberty Alternative

Finally there is an alternative solution for men that dependably replaces diapers, pads and condom catheters. Men's Liberty is a non-invasive external catheter option that is more comfortable and sanitary than adult diapers, easy to apply, discreet and keeps you dry 24/7. Whether you just dribble a bit or suffer from complete incontinence, Men's Liberty could be the discreet, dignified, and dependable solution for you!

**Call Today and Receive a
FREE Weeks Supply with
Your First Order!***

1-833-501-7581

Promo Code: AML0519

*30 days supply or more



“I can keep doing what I want to do, without having to worry about running to the bathroom or changing my clothes. It's a Godsend.”

– John in Michigan



Covered by Medicare and Most Insurance Plans!

Millions of men spend thousands of dollars each year on diapers, which are not covered by Medicare. Diapers and pads can cost as much as \$300 out of pocket each month. Men's Liberty is covered by Medicare, VA/Tricare and over 3,000 insurance plans. Standard deductibles and co-pays apply.

Get your insurance card and call Men's Liberty today to get started. We handle all paperwork, claims and billing to your insurance or medicare provider.



Men's Liberty

www.LiveMensLiberty.com



MADE IN USA



Badlands National Park, S.D. Wikimedia Commons

BY THE NUMBERS

America's land use

Using data from the USDA, Department of the Interior, Census Bureau, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, state governments and industry sources, Bloomberg News has compiled a fascinating analysis of how Americans use the land on which they live. Focusing on the 48 contiguous states, the study reveals:

654 million Acres of pasture/rangeland

538.6 million Acres of forests

391.5 million Acres of cropland

168.6 million Acres of special-use land (things like parks, golf courses, airports and defense facilities)

69.4 million Acres of urbanized areas

68.9 million Acres of miscellaneous areas

VERBATIM

The system worked exactly as it was designed to do we have a capable, credible deterrent against a very real threat.



Missile Defense Agency

Air Force Lt. Gen. Samuel Greaves, director of the Missile Defense Agency, on the Pentagon's first "salvo" missile defense test, in which two interceptor missiles were launched at a single unarmed target missile over the Pacific. The salvo concept is meant to improve the chances of hitting an incoming missile, "which in actual combat could contain decoys and other measures designed to make it difficult for an interceptor to find and hit the target," according to AP.

TECHNOLOGY

Thousands of Swedes digitize their bodies

Thousands of Swedish citizens are opting to have microchips inserted into their hands. "The chips are designed to speed up users' daily routines and make their lives more convenient – accessing their homes, offices and gyms is as easy as swiping their hands against digital readers," NPR reports.

The tiny microchips – about the size of a grain of rice – can also store emergency contact info, social media data, and electronic tickets for use at events and on public transportation.

Most users are having the chips inserted at the base of their thumbs, on the top side of their hands. Although some observers are raising concerns about the chips being hacked to access health-related information, more than 4,000 Swedes have had them inserted. The procedure costs about \$180.



© United States Postal Service. All rights reserved.

SERVICE

Stamps honor U.S. military working dogs

The U.S. Postal Service has unveiled plans to feature the "nation's brave and loyal military working dogs" on a new Forever stamp collection in 2019. As CNN reports, the stamps will highlight "four breeds that are commonly used to serve in the armed forces – German shepherd, Labrador retriever, Belgian Malinois and Dutch shepherd." In the illustrated mockups of the stamps, the dogs "sit on top of a white star with either a red or blue background," CNN notes, adding that dogs have served in America's military since World War I, with some 2,300 canines currently at work on U.S. bases worldwide.

HARBOR FREIGHT

QUALITY TOOLS AT RIDICULOUSLY LOW PRICES

1,000+ Stores Nationwide • HarborFreight.com

U.S. GENERAL SERIES 2

26" x 22" SINGLE BANK
EXTRA DEEP CABINETS



SUPER COUPON

- 9800 cu. in. of storage
- 1000 lb. capacity
- Weighs 174 lbs.

6 NOW IN FANTASTIC COLORS

YOUR CHOICE OF COLOR

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

COMPARE TO SNAP-ON **\$1,750**

MODEL: KRA4008PBD

\$299.99

ITEM 64434 64433 shown

ITEM 64432 64431 shown

ITEM 64163 64162 shown

ITEM 56234 56104 shown

ITEM 56235 56105 shown

ITEM 56233 56106 shown

34919628

LIMIT 1 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

PREDATOR

7500 MAX. STARTING/7000 RUNNING WATTS
13 HP (420 CC) GAS GENERATOR



• GFCI outlets

\$599.99 NOW **\$529.99**

COMPARE TO HONDA **\$2,669**

MODEL: E85500X1AT

ITEM 63086/68530/56169/56171/63085 shown

ITEM 68525/63088/56168/56170/63087 CALIFORNIA ONLY

34924288

LIMIT 1 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

drillmaster

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

4-1/2" ANGLE GRINDER



SAVE 44%

COMPARE TO PERFORMAX **\$17.99**

MODEL: 2411-1

ITEM 69645/95578/60625 shown

34940019

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

THUNDERBOLT solar

100 WATT SOLAR PANEL KIT



RENEWABLE ENERGY ANYWHERE

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

2X MORE POWER

\$149.99 NOW **\$199.99**

COMPARE TO SUNFORCE **\$292.44**

MODEL: H0F0180

SAVE **\$142**

ITEM 64335/63585 shown

34953692

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

HaulMaster

18" x 12" MOVER'S DOLLY



• 1000 lb. capacity

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

COMPARE TO BUFFALO TOOLS **\$22.99**

MODEL: H0F0010

SAVE 65%

\$10.99 NOW **\$7.99**

ITEM 60497/61899/63095/63096/63097/63098 shown

34984808

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

PITTSBURGH

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

40 PIECE, 3/8" DRIVE SAE AND METRIC SOCKET SET



LIFETIME WARRANTY

COMPARE TO CRAFTSMAN **\$49.98**

MODEL: CMWT142018

SAVE 92%

\$3.99 NOW **\$4.99**

ITEM 47902/975/61328/63015/62843 shown

34992280

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

WARRIOR

29 PIECE TITANIUM DRILL BIT SET



Customer Rating **★★★★★**

COMPARE TO DEWALT **\$68.14**

MODEL: DW1369

SAVE 85%

\$17.99 NOW **\$9.99**

ITEM 5889 62281/61637 shown

34928536

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

PITTSBURGH #1 SELLING JACKS IN AMERICA

RAPID PUMP® 3 TON STEEL HEAVY DUTY FLOOR JACK



• Lifts from 5" to 18-1/4"

• Weighs 74 lbs.

\$89.99 NOW **\$74.99**

COMPARE TO POWERBUILT **\$135.27**

MODEL: 647593

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

ITEM 64260/64261/64265 64875/69227/62116/66048 shown

34942436

LIMIT 1 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

BADLAND ZXR

12,000 LB. TRUCK/SUV WINCH



• Weighs 83.65 lbs.

• 21" L x 10-1/8" H

SAVE **\$421**

COMPARE TO WARN **\$720.99**

MODEL: 96820

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

\$399.99 NOW **\$299.99**

ITEM 64045/64046/63770 shown

34954584

LIMIT 1 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

PITTSBURGH

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

1 TON CAPACITY FOLDABLE SHOP CRANE



• Boom extends from 36-1/4" to 50-1/4"

• Crane height adjusts from 82" to 94"

COMPARE TO IRONTON **\$249.99**

MODEL: 46218

SAVE **\$120**

\$129.99 NOW **\$179.99**

ITEM 61858/69512/69445 shown

34996388

LIMIT 1 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

PITTSBURGH

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

7 FT. 4" x 9 FT. 6" ALL PURPOSE/WEATHER RESISTANT TARP



COMPARE TO BLUE HAWK **\$878**

MODEL: BG6X10-Y

SAVE 65%

\$4.99 NOW **\$2.99**

ITEM 69115/69121/69129/69137/69249/877 shown

35014868

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

SUPER COUPON

FREE

ULTRA BRIGHT LED PORTABLE WORK LIGHT/FLASHLIGHT



• 144 Lumens

• Magnetic Base

COMPARE TO PERFORMANCE TOOL **\$13.52**

MODEL: W264

ITEM 63878/60566/63601 63991/64005/69567/67227 shown

34902776

Cannot be used with other discounts or prior purchases. Original coupon must be presented. Valid through 8/15/19 while supplies last. Limit 1 FREE GIFT per customer per day.

SUPER COUPON

20% OFF



ANY SINGLE ITEM*

34902990

Limit 1 coupon per customer per day. Save 20% on any 1 item purchased. *Cannot be used with other discounts, coupons or any of the following items or brands: Honda Civic Club membership, Extended Service Plan, oil card, open box item, 3 day Parking Lot Sale item, compressors, floor jacks, sales, saw mills, storage cabinets, sheets or coils, trailers, trenchers/backhoes, welders, aluminum, steel, Bambi, Cobra, CoverPro, Daytona, Diamondback, Earthquake, Fischer, Hercules, Icon, Jupiter, Lynx, Poulan, Predator, Ranger, Viking, Wilson, Zündapp. Not valid on prior purchases. Non-transferable. Original coupon must be presented. Valid through 8/15/19.

COVER PRO

10 FT. x 20 FT. PORTABLE CAR CANOPY



Customer Rating **★★★★★**

COMPARE TO SHELTER LOGIC **\$199**

MODEL: 23522

SAVE **\$99**

\$119.99 NOW **\$99.99**

ITEM 63054 62858 shown

34931069

LIMIT 2 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

CENTECH

2/10/50 AMP, 12 VOLT BATTERY CHARGER AND ENGINE STARTER



Customer Rating **★★★★★**

SAVE 49%

\$52.99 NOW **\$29.99**

COMPARE TO SCHUMACHER ELECTRIC **\$59.77**

MODEL: SE-1250

ITEM 60581 3418/667/63/60653 shown

34951625

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

SUPER COUPON

200 LUMENS LED SUPER BRIGHT FLIP LIGHT



• Wireless, tool-free and easy installation

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

\$4.49 NOW **\$2.99**

COMPARE TO PROMIER **\$4.99**

MODEL: SW-SWITCH-12/24

ITEM 64189/64723/63922 shown

34971430

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

PREDATOR

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

6.5 HP (212 CC) OHV HORIZONTAL SHAFT GAS ENGINE



\$119.99 NOW **\$99.99**

SAVE **\$230**

ITEM 60363/69730

ITEM 69727 shown CALIFORNIA ONLY

COMPARE TO HONDA **\$329.99**

MODEL: GX200UT20X2

34980078

LIMIT 2 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

SUPER COUPON

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

7 FT. 4" x 9 FT. 6" ALL PURPOSE/WEATHER RESISTANT TARP



COMPARE TO BLUE HAWK **\$878**

MODEL: BG6X10-Y

SAVE 65%

\$4.99 NOW **\$2.99**

ITEM 69115/69121/69129/69137/69249/877 shown

35014868

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 8/15/19

*Original coupon only. No use on prior purchases after 30 days from original purchase or without original receipt. Valid through 8/15/19.

At Harbor Freight Tools, the "Compare to" price means that the specified comparison, which is an item with the same or similar function, was advertised for sale at or above the "Compare to" price by another national retailer in the U.S. within the past 90 days. Prices advertised by others may vary by location. No other meaning of "Compare to" should be implied. For more information, go to HarborFreight.com or see store associate.



THE GREAT WAR 100

HONOR & REMEMBRANCE

'I wonder if you will find me changed'

Editor's note: Throughout the Great War's centennial, The American Legion Magazine will publish excerpts from the letters of D.B. "Bernard" Ryan of Albion, N.Y., who served as an Army infantry officer and helped found American Legion Sheret Post 35 in 1919.

PARIS, MAY 15, 1919

Your letter touched me very much. As a matter of fact it was Sept 28th that I got the piece of shell. I thought I had told you all about it. However the 19th Oct was a much more strenuous day. I will tell you about it when I come home if I have not already done so in my letters. I only went through the experience that thousands of others had and I had the good fortune to come out safely. Very often I get moments of despondency, of regret, that I did not achieve something very big in the face of such big opportunities. On the other hand, I try to see where I did not do so badly after all. At any rate, there were times when for once I forgot self and acted only to serve others. Perhaps in general I did that throughout. But the war has left me in a peculiar state in many respects. I wonder if you will find me changed. I hope that my spirits will come up with a bound when I get home. But until I make up my mind on a definite course, I am wasting time. The existing opportunities for further travel and further world experience which exist right here and now tempt me but are resisted because I want to get home to you.

PARIS, MAY 28, 1919

I am twenty eight – quite an age, isn't it? I have a great many reasons for being happy on this birthday. Happy that the war is finished, happy that I have come through it so safely, happy that I have had this wonderful opportunity to get better acquainted with French life – but most of all happy that the days to pass before I shall see you are not so many now.

I have just read in the morning paper that I have consented to act as Secretary of the American Army Students in France. Well, I haven't consented yet (I did not attend their meeting yesterday) but it looks now as if I would have to consent. That will mean not attending the lectures here during the remaining three weeks and will probably mean also the giving up of some little excursions which I had planned. So I expect to be rather busy from now on – and shall have a desk and an office force at the University Union. I am afraid I am not as enthusiastic as I ought to be at the prospect. Well, wish me luck anyway – and here's to the day when we meet again!

Love, Son



Photo courtesy Ole Alendal Post 117

CENTENNIAL

Post 117, Viborg, S.D.

Chartered in 1919, members of Ole Alendal American Legion Post 117 bought a post home in 1940 for around \$500. The building was used for 55 years, then sold. At that time, memorabilia formerly housed at the post was transferred to a local school's library, where it remains on permanent display.

SHARE YOUR POST'S LEGACY

Upload stories, photos and videos of your American Legion post's history.

legion.org/centennial

EDUCATION

Communicate with school's veterans office



Q: My college-age daughter receives Chapter 35 benefits due to my service-connected injuries. She hasn't received payments since last August. I've seen nothing in the news or online concerning the delay in payment. Can you fill me in on the current situation with this unpaid benefit?

A: Before you contact VA regarding the unpaid benefit, have your daughter contact the veterans office at the school she is attending. The school requires student notification that he or she is attending. Once the school is notified, it will ensure the student's enrollment information is accurate by verifying the dates of classes, check that classes are required for her program, and more. The school will then certify your daughter's enrollment to VA within 30 days of notification. If your daughter has informed the school and still has not received her Chapter 35 benefits, you should contact VA.

Valerie Heffner is a Marine Corps veteran and member of American Legion Post 27 in Apache Junction, Ariz.
askvalerie@legion.org

BY THE NUMBERS

Robocall epidemic

26.3 billion

Number of robocalls in the United States in 2018

1,500

Number of robocalls received every second in the United States

29.2

Percent of robocalls from scammers

85 billion

Number of robocalls globally

Source: Addison Nugent/OZY

MEMBERSHIP

NEW POSTS

North Oceanside Post 760,
Oceanside, Calif. Chartered
 Feb. 28 (19 members)

Shawna M. Morrison Collegiate
Post 2019, Urbana, Ill. Chartered
 Feb. 27 (15 members)

Centennial Post 1919,
Greenwood, Ind. Chartered
 Feb. 22 (15 members)

Sanger Post 268, Sanger, Texas
 Chartered Feb. 21 (15 members)

Lake Kiowa Post 265,
Lake Kiowa, Texas Chartered
 Feb. 6 (15 members)

Veteran Unit at Stafford Creek
Post 23, Hoquiam, Wash.
 Chartered Jan. 31 (15 members)

Wellington Post 176, Wellington,
Colo. Chartered Jan. 31
 (16 members)

Georgetown University Post 3,
Washington, D.C. Chartered
 Jan. 14 (10 members)

Boerne Post 313, Boerne, Texas
 Chartered Jan. 14 (15 members)

Arapaho Warriors-Cpl. Billy Farris
Post 96, Riverton, Wyo. Chartered
 Jan. 10 (19 members)

Walter E. Truemper Post 1944,
Aurora, Ill. Chartered Jan. 9
 (18 members)





WATCHES WANTED

YOUR OLD WATCH MAY BE WORTH
\$10,000 OR MORE \$\$



Military Issue

Mechanical

Dive Watches

Vietnam Era




Contact: Mike Tovar, Navy Vet
310-683-8675
www.webstorm.com
 email: watcheswanted@webstorm.com
 1601 N Sepulveda Blvd, Unit 765, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



Four Collectible Coins

As Low As \$5.95



FREE Holder and Historic Document

The U.S. Mint commemorated the Lewis & Clark expedition and the Louisiana Purchase bicentennials with new nickel designs. Included are Brilliant Uncirculated 2004 "Peace Medal" and "Keelboat" and 2005 "Bison" and "Ocean" nickels in a protective holder. **FREE** historic document reproduction included. \$6.95 (#48965). 5 or more \$5.95 each. NO CLUBS TO JOIN; NO ON-APPROVAL COINS SENT. **30-Day No-Risk Money-Back Guarantee.**

International Coins & Currency
 62 Ridge St., Dept. N5817, Montpelier, VT 05602
1-800-451-4463 • www.iccoin.com/n5817

World's Most Powerful Leaf Vacuum!



Perfect for SPRING CLEAN-UP!

- ☒ **Rated #1 in Vacuum Power**
- ☒ **Unloads with Just One Hand**
- ☒ **Converts to an All-Purpose Trailer**
- ☒ **Stores Flat in Minutes**

DR® LEAF VACUUMS have proven in laboratory testing to achieve the most vacuum power versus competitors. And now, our PILOT model combines this same amazing yard clean-up power with an equally amazing new price!

FREE SHIPPING 6 MONTH TRIAL

SOME LIMITATIONS APPLY

Go Online or Call for FREE DVD & Info Kit!


DRleafvac.com
TOLL FREE 888-208-5806



PERSONAL FINANCE



Five traits of a financial superhero

FOCUS ON FINANCES



J.J. MONTANARO

These days, superheroes are all the rage – it seems like there's a new movie out every other week. I'm not complaining, but there are quite a few of these uniquely gifted marvels (pun intended) I had no idea even existed. And when I see a new player in the game, I'm curious what

superpowers he or she brings to the table.

Amid all this superhero drama, I recently asked myself, "What would a financial superhero look like?" After some thought – and reflection on my favorite childhood greats – I've imagined a new brand of superhero:

- **She's impervious to emotional influences.** Emotions are a huge handicap as we manage our day-to-day finances. It's easy to get so amped up that we convince ourselves a "stretch purchase" on a too-expensive new vehicle makes sense. Or we find ourselves cowering behind the couch, computer in hand and bailing out of the market, as the latest 24-hour news headlines drive our investment decisions. Emotions aren't a bad thing, but they can be the enemy of sound financial decisions.

- **She knows the difference between a need and a want.** I regularly catch myself saying, "I need (fill in the blank)." It's usually some new equipment that will elevate my golf game to the next level. If we could all emulate our superhero's ability to run our purchase decisions through an accurate want vs. need analysis, we would be in a much better position to deploy our resources in a way that ensures our long-term financial security. I'm not saying never do wants, just do them strategically in the context of your overall plan.

- **She demonstrates X-ray-like risk management.**

Typically, when I mention insurance, people start to nod off

or reflexively move to protect their wallet. However, having the right type and amount of coverage can help you avoid a financial catastrophe. As mere mortals, we're left to figure out potential risks and ensure the coverage we have keeps pace with our ever-changing lives (marriage, divorce, kids, new job, new house, etc.). Our financial superhero intuitively understands where catastrophe originates and shuts it down in its tracks.

- **She's easily able to forgo short-term gratification for long-term security.** Delayed gratification is second nature to our financial superhero. She intuitively recognizes opportunity costs, and her mind translates something as simple as a drive-through cup of coffee to a lost seven-course meal in retirement.

- **She's MacGyver on steroids.** Up to this point, our superhero's traits have been more cerebral than physical – no flying, repelling bullet or bolts of lightning flying from her fingertips. However, to round out the package, she can insource a multitude of goods and services, allowing her to spend less than she earns. I'm talking lawn work, car washing, pet washing, handyman work, oil changes and much more. The cool thing is that she immediately captures the realized savings and deposits the money in her very mundane savings account. Talk about a superhero for the common people.

You may not see my Finance Superwoman on the big screen anytime soon, but adopt a few of her powers and you'll be able to shapeshift your financial goals from a dream into reality.

J.J. Montanaro is a certified financial planner with USAA, The American Legion's preferred provider of financial services. Submit questions for him online.

legion.org/usaa/focusonfinances

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Where to park, ride in Circle City



With high attendance expected for The American Legion's 101st National Convention in its hometown of Indianapolis this August, parking near the downtown Indiana Convention Center will likely be in demand. To help attendees navigate downtown, the national website lists alternative options, including the SpotHero parking reservation app and

local American Legion posts that will provide parking and shuttle service. Other resources include shuttle service between Indianapolis International Airport and downtown, and a list of RV parks in or near the city.

CONVENTION CONTEST DEADLINES

The National Band Contest will be at 1 p.m. Aug. 24 in Hall A, Level 1 of the Indiana Convention Center. The event includes the Concert Band and Exhibition Concert Band classes. Competing bands must commit to marching in the National Convention Parade at 4 p.m. Aug. 25. Applications are due by May 31.

The National Color Guard Contest will be at 4 p.m. Aug. 23, also in Hall A, Level 1. There are four classes of competition: Advancing & Retiring, Military, Military-Open and Open. Units wanting to compete must commit to marching in the parade. Applications are due by July 19.

legion.org/convention

Breakthrough technology converts phone calls to captions.

New amplified phone lets you hear AND see the conversation.

No
Contract
No
Monthly Fee

The Hamilton® CapTel® Captioned Telephone converts phone conversations to easy-to-read captions for individuals with hearing loss.

Do you get discouraged when you hear your telephone ring? Do you avoid using your phone because hearing difficulties make it hard to understand the person on the other end of the line? For many Americans the telephone conversation – once an important part of everyday life – has become a thing of the past. Because they can't understand what is said to them on the phone, they're often cut off from friends, family, doctors and caregivers. Now, thanks to innovative technology there is finally a better way.

A simple idea... made possible with sophisticated technology. If you have trouble understanding a call, captioned telephone can change your life. During a phone call the words spoken to you appear on the phone's screen – similar to closed captioning on TV. So when you make or receive a call, the words spoken to you are not only amplified by the phone, but scroll across the phone so you can listen while reading what's said to you. Each call is routed through a call center, where computer technology – aided by a live representative – generates voice-to-text translations. The captioning is real-time, accurate and readable. Your conversation is private. Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Service (IP CTS) is regulated and funded by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and is designed exclusively for individuals with hearing loss. To learn more, visit www.fcc.gov. The Hamilton CapTel phone

requires telephone service and high-speed Internet access. WiFi Capable. Callers do not need special equipment or a captioned telephone in order to speak with you.

Finally... a phone you can use again. The Hamilton CapTel phone is also packed with features to help make phone calls easier. The keypad has large, easy to use buttons. You get adjustable volume amplification along with the ability to save captions for review later. It even has an answering machine that provides you with the captions of each message.



"For years I avoided phone calls because I couldn't understand the caller... now I don't miss a thing!"

See for yourself with our exclusive home trial. Try a captioned telephone in your own home and if you are not completely amazed, simply return it within 60-days for a refund of the product purchase price. It even comes with a 5-year warranty.



SEE what you've been missing!



Captioned Telephone

Call now for our special introductory price!

Call now Toll-Free

1-888-745-7366

Please mention promotion code 111445.

The Captioned Telephone is intended for use by people with hearing loss. In purchasing a Captioned Telephone, you acknowledge that it will be used by someone who cannot hear well over a traditional phone. Hamilton is a registered trademark of Nadelco, Inc. d/b/a Hamilton Telecommunications. CapTel is a registered trademark of Ultratec, Inc.

How to submit a reunion

The American Legion Magazine publishes reunion notices for veterans. Send notices to **The American Legion Magazine, Attn: Reunions, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206**, fax (317) 630-1280, e-mail reunions@legion.org or submit information via our website, www.legion.org/reunions.

Include the branch of service and complete name of the group, no abbreviations, with your request. The listing also should include the reunion dates and city, along with a contact name, telephone number and e-mail address. Listings are publicized free of charge.

Your notice will appear on our Web site within a week and will remain available online until the final day of your reunion. Upon submission, please allow three months for your reunion to be published in print. **Due to the large number of reunions, The American Legion Magazine will publish a group's listing only once a year.**

Notices should be sent at least six months prior to the reunion to ensure timely publication.

Other notices

"In Search Of" is a means of getting in touch with people from your unit to plan a reunion. **We do not publish listings that seek people for interviews, research purposes, military photos or help in filing a VA claim.** Listings must include the name of the unit from which you seek people, the time period and the location, as well as a contact name, telephone number and e-mail address. Send notices to **The American Legion Magazine, Attn: "In Search Of," P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206**, fax (317) 630-1280 or e-mail reunions@legion.org.

The magazine will not publish names of individuals, only the name of the unit. Listings are published free of charge.

Life Membership notices are published for Legionnaires who have been awarded life

memberships by their posts. **This does not include a member's own Paid-Up-For-Life membership.** Notices must be submitted on official forms, which may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to **The American Legion Magazine, Attn: Life Memberships, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.**

"Comrades in Distress" listings must be approved by the Legion's Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation division. If you are seeking to verify an injury received during service, contact your Legion department service officer for information on how to publish a notice.

To respond to a "Comrades in Distress" listing, send a letter to **The American Legion Magazine, Attn: Comrades in Distress, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.** Include the listing's CID number in your response.

"Taps" notices are published only for Legionnaires who served as department commanders or national officers.

AIR FORCE / ARMY AIR FORCES

22nd TCS/MAS Sqdn (C-124s), Tachikawa, Japan, Branson, MO, 6/4-6, Henry Trujillo, (719) 545-4156, alute@comcast.net; **366th TFW/366th Ftr Assn**, Branson, MO, 10/1-5, Jerry Talty, (417) 872-5338, jerry@crtpus.com; **433rd FIS "Satan's Angels"**, St. Simons Island, GA, 10/3-6, John Alexander, (989) 305-0648, jalexander@cap.gov; **463rd Airlifters 316th TAW**, Branson, MO, 9/10-15, Linda Kirkpatrick, (765) 461-9759, kirkpatrick_linda@comcast.net; **Civil Eng Sqdn**, East Islip, NY, 5/28-7, George Groudass, (631) 581-4220, georgegroudass@yahoo.com; **Misawa, Japan USAFSS**, Minneapolis, 6/20-23, Gary Dunham, (865) 816-3599, jigstop88@aol.com; **RAF Burtonwood Assn**, Albuquerque, NM, 10/15-19, Jim Bentley, (813) 610-4174, jbent0214@aol.com; **WWII Pilots and Aircrews**, St. Louis, 10/16-20, Tom Loveless, (303) 579-6633, bobford@cableone.net

ARMY

2nd Bn 94th Arty, Charleston, SC, 9/8-12, Felton Dunneho, (337) 513-8320, feldun@msn.com; **3rd Armd Div**, New Orleans, 11/7-10, Larry Klausner, (847) 421-9585, larrymgdlite@gmail.com; **5th Inf Div (All Eras)**, San Diego, 9/5-9, Steve Wheat, (618) 405-4176, wheatsco@gmail.com; **7th Bn 13th Arty 1st Field Force (Vietnam, 1966-1970)**, Gatlinburg, TN, 9/22-27, Kevin Calkins, (630) 542-1095, kcal1095@gmail.com; **14th Cbt Eng Bn**, Myrtle Beach, SC, 8/22-25, Tommy Cockrell, (803) 432-5828, reunions@14thcombatengineers.org; **18th & 54th Avn Cos "Otter Nest" (Vietnam War)**, San Antonio, 9/19-22, Jeff Bic, (404) 663-1820, 18.54aviation@gmail.com; **20th Eng Bde**, Neenah, WI, 9/19-22, Arthur Halmstad, (920) 738-5326, countrymaria@yahoo.com; **27th Inf Rgt "Wolfhounds"**, Nashville, TN, 8/18-25, Tom Harlan, (309) 586-4111, tomharlan@frontiernet.net; **30th FA Rgt "Hard Chargers"**, Sheffield Village, OH, 6/10-15, Dan Gillotti, (440) 934-1750, firstcav68@roadrunner.com; **59th Land Clearing Co (Vietnam)**, Arlington, VA, 9/19-22, Carl Cain, (304) 816-1257, cacain@comcast.net; **82nd Abn Div Assn**, Arlington, VA, 8/7-10, Mike Lonetto, (703) 850-7034, washingtondc@82ndairbornassociation.org; **84th & 62nd Eng (Korea, 1950-1953)**, Branson, MO, 9/9-12, Vic Swanson, (505) 200-4555, vicswanson@comcast.net; **324th Rgt Wildcats (WWII)**, Nashville, TN, 9/6-9, Nancy Weage, (989) 859-7891, renjtwig@msn.com; **492nd Eng Co (Sep), 205th Inf Bde (1960-1995)**, Nicolet, MN, 8/17, Richard Carlson, (507) 317-2035, richardcarlson1946@gmail.com; **524th MP Co**, Nashville, TN, 9/15-19, Steve Micicche, (301) 752-5589, stevem269@yahoo.com; **3779th LRRP Co (Airborne) V Corps, D Co (LRP) 17th Inf, A Co 75th Inf (Ranger) (Abn) (1962-1974)**, Waco, TX, 9/14, Roy Bissey, (307) 752-6428, r_bissey@yahoo.com; **C-2-1 196th Bde Americal Div (Vietnam)**,

San Antonio, 10/9-13, Ashley Brymer, (805) 710-1378, abbrymer@hotmail.com; **C-2/501st Inf Rgt 101st Abn Div**, Las Vegas, 9/30-10/3, Armando "Mondo" Galindo, (562) 536-6328, titanmondo@aol.com; **Pachyderms/200th ASHC & 611th TC (Vietnam-2019)**, Smyrna/Nashville, TN, 5/16-19, Dennis Wilson, (636) 639-1809, dennisw255@aol.com; **Vietnam Air Defense Arty Veterans (VADAV)**, Omaha, NE, 7/10-14, Dale Peters, (574) 686-2067

COAST GUARD

Westwind WAGB 281, Wilmington, NC, 9/13-15, Alex Mavica, (845) 352-7040, amavica@optonline.com

JOINT

8th Inf Div Cold War Reunion, Hauppauge/Long Island, NY, 8/16-18, Richard Sonneborn, (631) 578-6291, quartmaster8thid@gmail.com; **Mobile Riverine Force Assn 9th Inf Div Army & Navy Task Forces 115, 116 & 117 and Support Units**, Nashville, TN, 8/29-9/1, Frank Jones, (314) 303-2730, mrfatango48@gmail.com; **Nakhon Phanom, Thailand "NKP Gone But Not Forgotten"**, Fairborn, OH, 6/6-9, Barry Rowland, (941) 779-6119, barryrowlandksu77@gmail.com; **Pleiku AB Assn - AF, Army, Navy, Marines, Civilian Contractors, Air America & Foreign Allied Military**, Dayton, OH, 9/4-8, Ron Chromulak, (412) 515-7247, ron1bev@comcast.net

MARINES

1st Bn 3rd Mar (Vietnam & Other Eras), Branson, MO, 9/17-22, Don Baumgarmer, (562) 897-2437, dbum13usmc@verizon.net; **2/3/3 Vietnam Assn**, Portland, ME, 9/10-15, Art Ward, (860) 589-4838, artw47@aol.com; **3rd Bn 4th Mar**, Virginia Beach/Norfolk, VA, 8/21-25, Travis Fryzowicz, (732) 251-5518, travisfry@gmail.com; **3rd Mar Div**, Branson, MO, 9/17-22, Roger Bacon, (330) 424-9359, rogerbacon45@yahoo.com; **3rd 8-Inch Howitzer Btry (SP)**, San Diego, 9/12-15, Dennis & Cheryl O'Brien, (805) 340-6286, cobrien@rpdnsquared.com; **38th, 39th TBS (Mar-Apr 1966)**, Newport, RI, 10/7-11, Jack Sheehan, (401) 255-0387, jacksheehan@townme.com; **Mar Corps Recruiting Service**, Bluffton, SC, 9/11-15, Larry Risvold, (803) 760-4575, larryrisvold@att.net

NAVY

Abraham Lincoln SSBN 602, Pittsburgh, 9/5-8, George "Charlie" Brown, (724) 775-7579, gandcbrown@gmail.com; **Amphibious Ships**, Buffalo, NY, 9/5-9, Skip Sander, (412) 367-1376, ussrankin@aol.com; **Assn of Minemen**, San Antonio, 10/7-11, John Epps, (509) 366-0214, mncm@aol.com; **Benham DD 796**, Savannah, GA, 9/15-19, James Dougherty, (715) 965-0861,

docnb29@gmail.com; **Bordelon DD/DDR 881**, Jacksonville, FL, 10/17-20, C. DeWitt Peterson, (856) 234-5147, dpeterson53@comcast.net; **Caloosahatchee AO 98**, Miami, 10/11-14, Mark Bienz, (540) 899-2974, mbienz@aol.com; **Canberra CA 70/CAG 2**, Deerfield, IL, 10/9-13, Ken Minick, (740) 423-8976, usscanberra@gmail.com; **Capacan AO 52**, Long Beach, CA, 9/18-22, Bruce Webster, (949) 851-9102, bruce.webster@cox.net; **Capodanno FF 1093**, Gulf Breeze/Pensacola, FL, 9/6-8, Patrick Siwa, (810) 728-2762, patricksiwa@yahoo.com; **Chevalier DD/DDR 805**, Fredericksburg, TX, 9/22-29, Richard Zrubeck, (620) 241-8900, zrubeck@cox.net; **Damato DDE/DD 871**, Virginia Beach, VA, 9/10-14, Chris Christenson, (410) 757-2313, glchristenson@comcast.net; **Delta AR 9**, Jacksonville, FL, 9/12-16, Ron Ihlsen, (480) 389-7078, deltaar9@hotmail.com; **Destroyer Leader Assn**, Boston, 9/9-14, Gary Marchido, (231) 206-1736, garmarchido@aol.com; **Dixie**, Denver, 9/12-14, Ken Robinson, (520) 825-5613, ussdixiereunion@yahoo.com; **Dyess DD 880**, Covington, KY, 9/3-6, Charles Russin, (513) 239-8235, cc.russin13@gmail.com; **Enterprise CVAN/CVN 65**, Columbus, GA, 9/24-29, David Mangieri, (706) 505-0909, dadmangieri@yahoo.com; **Essex CV/CVA/CVS 9 & LHD 2**, Louisville, KY, 8/11-18, Thomas Ferelli, (602) 882-0375, tferelli@gmail.com; **Fechtelor DD/DDR 870**, Norfolk, VA, 9/29-10/3, Douglas Boyer, (208) 476-0102, boyerdouglas48@gmail.com; **Finch DER 328**, Boise, ID, 9/26-29, Bob Piazza, (707) 337-9700, piazzarw@gmail.com; **Fox DLG/CG 33**, Charleston, SC, 9/19-21, Michael Hare, (419) 310-2958, mhare3362@gmail.com; **Fred T. Berry DD/DDE 858**, Portland, ME, 10/24-2, John Titsworth, (203) 531-6618, skiptonit@aol.com; **Galveston CLG 3**, Baton Rouge, LA, 9/10-14, Bob Bakos, (412) 882-1591, robjan714@comcast.net; **Hamner DD 718**, Baltimore, 9/25-29, Patty Hathaway, (301) 262-5516, patty216@gmail.com; **Hawkins DD/DDR 873**, Savannah, GA, 10/1-5, Donald Keller, (410) 207-8109, dkeller30@verizon.net; **HS-7**, Branson, MO, 10/7-12, John Dimasso, (419) 849-3707, hs7shamrocks@yahoo.com; **Indianapolis CA 35 Survivors**, Indianapolis, 7/18-21, Kim Roller, (360) 292-9659, ww2kim@gmail.com; **Kawishiwi AO 146**, Salt Lake City, 9/5-7, Evan Kline, (385) 770-8390, evan.kline@park.edu; **Lewis DE 535**, Nashville, TN, 8/19-23, Don Kuhn, (317) 954-0321, donkuhn4438@yahoo.com; **L.Y. Spear AS 36**, Philadelphia, 9/4-8, Patty Kelso, (913) 677-1837, pattykelso@usslyspear.org; **Mark AKL 12 (with Mobile Riverine Force Assn)**, Nashville, TN, 8/29-31, Roger Hamilton, (513) 871-3145, pfva44@prodigy.net; **MCB 7**, Colorado Springs, CO, 9/19-22, Denny Blaisdell, (419) 867-9371, mcb7ra@yahoo.com; **Midway B Div 3 Grp**, San Diego, 7/26-29, Bill Lobb, (208) 703-8367, btclobb@yahoo.com; **Nat'l Assn of Destroyer Veterans (DesVets)**, Jacksonville, FL, 9/22-26, Terry Miller, (508) 677-0515, reunions@destroyers.org; **Navy Lithographers Assn**,

Dumfries, VA, 10/16-19, John Belrose, (540) 295-7631, navylithographers@gmail.com; **Navy Nuclear Wpns Assn**, Jacksonville, FL, 10/7-11, Bob Fischer, (386) 569-5586, president@navynucweps.com; **NMCB 18**, Oxnard, CA, 8/24-25, Patrick Philippe, (805) 648-2205, patrickphilippe@sbcglobal.net; **Norris DD/DDE 859**, Atlantic City, NJ, 9/17-20, Ed Mehl, (302) 541-0685, e.mehl@mchsi.com; **Okanogan APA 220**, Harrisburg/Hershey, PA, 9/22-26, Dave Meierhoff, (620) 340-7406, damcsm@gmail.com; **Optical-Instrumentman Assn**, Pensacola, FL, 10/29-11/3, John Bryan, (706) 339-5905, bigjohn767@yahoo.com; **Pasadena SSN 752**, Los Angeles, 5/18, Nat Read, (626) 695-9792, nat@natread.com; **Paul F. Foster DD 964**, Ventura Beach, CA, 9/27-29, David Klein, (801) 618-7653, usspaulfoster@gmail.com; **Perry DD 844**, Mobile, AL, 11/7-11, Joan Guariniello, (727) 868-9368, jandlassoc@aol.com; **Point Defiance LSD 31**, Gatlinburg, TN, 9/11-15, Mike Doto, (406) 491-9308, mdoto@bridgemail.com; **Prichett DD 561**, Wilmington, NC, 9/16-20, Terry Crawford, (618) 259-3007, prichett@charter.net; **Richard B. Anderson DD 786**, Norfolk, VA, 9/18-22, Kent Phemister, (817) 797-4141, kentphemister@gmail.com; **Rupertus DD 851**, Billings, MT, 9/5-8, Rick Vandersloot, (307) 389-5287, rick851.rv@gmail.com; **Samuel B. Roberts DD 823**, Annapolis, MD, 9/30-10/4, James Norton, (802) 893-8045, jijo1944@comcast.net; **San Marcos LSD 25**, Norfolk, VA, 9/5-8, Jack Lieberman, (215) 287-4311, jacklieberman8104@comcast.net; **Saratoga CV/CVA 60**, Charleston, SC, 10/10-14, Ed McCready, (845) 729-8775, emc0853@yahoo.com; **Severn AO 61**, Niagara Falls/Buffalo, NY, 10/1-5, Wayne Williams, (570) 675-3151, beegdblu@aol.com; **Shangri La CVI/CVA/CSV 38**, Warwick, RI, 9/18-22, Al Miller, (610) 588-0422, shangair@yahoo.com; **Simon Lake AS 33**, Savannah, GA, 9/23-27, John Craig, (732) 752-7534, fmfdd103@aol.com; **Spiegel Grove LSD 32**, New Orleans, 10/16-20, Jim Yoder, (623) 853-9913, lsd32usn@gmail.com; **Spinax SS 489**, Cambria, CA, 10/7-11, Bruce Taff, (321) 452-8866, bearvalleytaff@hotmail.com; **Sullivans DD 537/DDG 68**, Jacksonville, FL, 9/25-29, Michael Sutorus, (813) 943-1947, m.sutorus@yahoo.com; **Sunfish SSN 649**, Norfolk, VA, 6/26-30, Steven Moreau, (413) 529-8012, matuncle@charter.net; **Tallahatchie County AVB 2**, Pensacola, FL, 10/22-27, Tom Golden, (201) 707-2730, barlori@aol.com; **Terrell County LST 1157**, Federal Way, WA, 9/12-15, Clovis Long, (417) 438-3704, clovis43@hotmail.com; **Thetis Bay CVE 90/CVHA 1/LPH 6**, San Diego, 9/4-8, Frank Balthazor, (608) 249-9961, afststudent@hotmail.com; **Ticonderoga CV/CVA/CVS 14 & CG 47**, Albuquerque, NM, 5/16-20, David Graf, (407) 388-4608, dgraf88@gmail.com; **Tripple FF 1075**/Gulf Breeze/Pensacola, FL, 9/6-8, Patrick Siwa, (810) 728-2762, patricksiwa@yahoo.com; **Valley Forge CV 45/LPH 8**, Norfolk, VA, 9/19-22, Ken Schroyer, (410) 206-9022, kenschroyer7@gmail.com; **VP-6**, Middletown, MD, 10/2-6, Jim Lamers, (703) 727-7944, jimvp6@comcast.net; **VP-11**, Brunswick, ME, 9/5-8, E.M. Brittingham, (252) 537-0484, captemb@gmail.com.

com; **Warrington DD 843**, Mobile, AL, 10/9-13, Stan Prager, (916) 791-6700, stashuman843@msn.com; **Wilhoite DER 327**, Boise, ID, 9/26-29, Bob Piazza, (707) 337-9700, piazzarw@gmail.com; **Will Rogers SSBN 659**, Tulsa, OK, 6/12-16, Earl Colella, (734) 730-1026, earl.colella@comcast.net; **William R. Rush DD/DDR 714**, Harrisburg, PA, 9/29-10/3, Jim Hocking, (508) 548-5233, captainhock@comcast.net; **Wilsie DD 716**, Jacksonville, FL, 9/22-26, Ted Laurila, (360) 736-3853, dd716ted@comcast.net; **YAGRS Assn (Radar Picket Ships AGR 1-16)**, cruise, 9/15-22, Lee Doyel, (850) 433-6930, yagrs16@cox.net; **Yancey AKA 93**, Buffalo, NY, 9/5-9, George Clifton, (708) 425-8531, clifs@ameritech.net; **Zellers DD 777**, Portland, ME, 9/7-11, Kevin Davis, (603) 261-2065, kevinadvissr@aol.com

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Post 20, CT: Keith Golnik, Alexander Gromoshak, Robert Pelz Jr.
Post 1, ND: Edwin Ostern
Post 15, PA: Lawrence M. Jenkins, Larry A. Lowden
Post 2, RI: Robert C. Schierschmidt, Neil M. Tack
Post 76, VT: Donald Stoddard

IN SEARCH OF

1st Bn 8th Inf 4th Inf Div (Pleiku, Vietnam, 1966-1967), Cecil Baty, (904) 252-5286, cdbaty@aol.com
53rd Signal Bn (Kitzingen, Germany, 1962-1963), Peter Cox, (520) 723-8353, rcwestlar@yahoo.com
97th Bomb Grp (Amendola Airfield, Foggia, Italy, 1943-1946), Bill Humphries, (713) 569-3484
524th MP Co (Corps) (Fort Shafter, HI, 1958-1968), Steve Micciche, (301) 752-5589, stevem269@yahoo.com
A Co 2nd Bn 8th Cav (1967-1968), Larry Brager, (408) 337-1948, sbrager@att.net
All Trps A, B, C & D & HQ 3/5 Cavalry 9th Inf Div (Vietnam, 1965-1973), Al Cavasin, (517) 524-6228, alcavasin@gmail.com
Army Gen Ord Depot (Nancy, France, 1960-1962), Ronald Schouweiler, (503) 954-8793, fuchs37@gmail.com
Army OCS in Southern VA & Northern NC (1941-2019), Mike Harris, (703) 618-0017, harrisnva@msn.com
Eng OCS Class 10-B-69 (Fort Belvoir, VA, 1968-1969), Ronald Anderson, randerson89@cox.net
G Co 2nd Bn 6th Mar, Boxer LPH 4 (Cuban Missile Crisis, Oct 1962), Don Cooper, (228) 860-1289
HQ & A, B, C, D Trps, 3/5 Cav, 9th Inf Div (Vietnam, 1965-1973), Al Cavasin, (517) 524-6228, alcavasin@gmail.com
Leary DD/DDR 879 (1945-1974), Al Redden, (308) 530-1284, alshr@allophone.com
Plt 3042 (San Diego MCRD, 1968), Gary Berry, (614) 679-1499, tagpresident@me.com
Shadwell LSD 15, Nick Darchangelo, (302) 598-3618, nick.darchangelo@gmail.com

US MAAG (Military Assistance and Advisory Group) Cambodia (Phnom Penh, 1961-1963), Thomas Goodrich, (520) 305-6976, goodoldthom@gmail.com
Whiskey Btry 1st Bn 11th Mar (1966-1967), Russell Pearce, russell110646@gmail.com

TAPS

Dennis C. Haas, Dept. of Pennsylvania. Dept. Cmdr. 2014-2015, Nat'l Exec. Cmte. Alt. Memb. 2015-2016, Nat'l Americanism Cncl. Vice Chmn. 2005-2013, Nat'l Exec. Cmte. Memb. 2016-2019, Nat'l Legis. Cmsn. Liaison Cmte. Memb. 2017-2019, Nat'l Media & Communications Cmsn. Liaison Cmte. Memb. 2016-2017 and Nat'l Subcmte. on Resolutions Memb. 2016-2019.
Gary L. Mitchell, Dept. of South Carolina. Dept. Cmdr. 2012-2013, Nat'l Exec. Cmte. Alt. Memb. 2015-2018, Nat'l Americanism Cncl. Vice Chmn. 2006-2011, Nat'l Exec. Cmte. Memb. 2018, Nat'l Marketing Cmsn. Liaison Cmte. 2018 and Nat'l Convention Resolutions Assignment Cmte. Memb. 2011-2018.
Frank M. Ortiz, Dept. of California. Nat'l Emblem Cmte. Nat'l Cmdr.'s Rep. 1994-2007, Nat'l Military Affairs Cmte. Memb. 1989-1993 and Nat'l Sergeant-at-Arms 1993-1994.
James T. Patterson, Dept. of Tennessee. Dept. Cmdr. 2015-2016, Nat'l Sec. Cncl. Memb. 2014-2018, Nat'l Veterans Affairs & Rehab. Cmsn. Memb. 2018-2019 and 2010-2013, and Nat'l Veterans Benefits Cmte. Memb. 2013-2014.



INDIVISIBLE: THE STORY OF OUR FLAG
 ORDER ONLINE: AmericanLegionFlags.com
 ORDER TOLL FREE: (888) 453-4466

LEGION SHOPPER



HAT PINS • MEDALS • BALL CAPS

FREE COLOR CATALOG

- 2500+ Military Designs
- Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines
- Call now! Toll-free!**
- 1-888-223-1159**
- Custom pins & patches available. Dealer inquiries welcome.

HONORS
 by Hoover's Mfg., Co.
 P.O. Box 547AL, Peru, IL 61354
 Fax: 1-815-223-1499
 Email: dave@hmchonors.com
 Website: www.hmchonors.com

U.S. MILITARY MEDALS & RIBBONS

FREE COLOR CATALOG!
 TOLL FREE TEL: 800-864-5062
VETS SUPPLY LINE
 10550 CO RD 81, #218
 MAPLE GROVE, MN 55369
 WEB SITE: www.MilitaryVetsPX.com
 CUSTOM BALL CAPS-NAVY SHIP CAPS

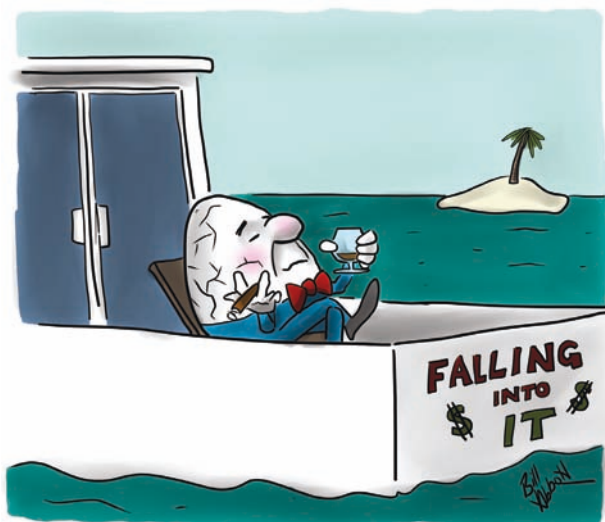
Why does a person believe you when you say there are 4 billion stars but checks when you say the paint is wet?

ONE DAY, a housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to his wife, “What setting do I use on the washing machine?”

“It depends,” she replied. “What does it say on your shirt?”

He yelled back, “Texas A&M.”

WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE between a northern fairy tale and a southern fairy tale? A northern fairy tale begins, “Once upon a time” A southern fairy tale begins, “Y’all ain’t gonna believe this”



Humpty Dumpty had a great lawyer.

DURING BASIC TRAINING, our drill sergeant asked all Jewish personnel to make themselves known. Six of us tentatively raised our hands. Much to our relief, we were given the day off for Rosh Hashanah.

A few days later, in anticipation of Yom Kippur, the sergeant again asked for all Jewish personnel to identify themselves. This time, every soldier raised his hand.

“Only those who were Jewish last week can be Jewish this week,” the sergeant declared.

– Submitted by Allen Israel, as published in Reader’s Digest’s “Humor in Uniform”

Do you have a funny military-related anecdote? To share with *Reader’s Digest*, visit rd.com/submit. Remember to include your American Legion post name and number.



“It’s OK. He doesn’t bite. But he does drool, climb, bark, scratch, growl, shed, lick and sniff.”



“No bouquet toss for this bride. She’s shooting it out of a cannon.”

MY BOSS pulled up to work in his new sports car this morning, and I complimented him on it. He stepped out of his car, put his hand on my shoulder and replied, “Well, if you work hard, set goals, stay determined and put in long hours, I can get an even better one next year.”

ISN’T IT ODD the way everyone automatically assumes that the goo in soap dispensers is always soap? I like to fill mine with mustard, just to teach people a lesson in trust.

AN ELDERLY MAN asked his wife, “Does it make you sad when you see me flirting with younger women?”

“Not in the least, dear,” his wife replied. “Our dog chases cars all the time, and there’s no chance he could ever drive one.”

“I THINK IT’S WRONG that only one company makes the game Monopoly.” – Steven Wright

NORTH AMERICA'S

#1 Selling Walk-In Tub

Featuring our *New Exclusive Shower Package*

**Special Offer
FOR VETERANS!**

Now you can finally have all of the soothing benefits of a relaxing warm bath, or enjoy a convenient refreshing shower while seated or standing. Introducing Safe Step Walk-In Tub's exclusive **NEW Shower Package!**

- ✓ First and only walk-in tub available with a customizable shower
- ✓ Fixed rainfall shower head is adjustable for your height and pivots to offer a seated shower option
- ✓ Durable frameless tempered glass enclosure available
- ✓ High-quality tub complete with a comprehensive lifetime warranty on the entire tub
- ✓ Top-of-the-line installation and service, all included at one low, affordable price

Now you can have the best of both worlds—there isn't a better, more affordable walk-in tub!

Call today and receive a
**FREE SHOWER
PACKAGE!**

FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Call Toll-Free 1-800-699-3186

**SAFE STEP
WALK-IN TUB**
www.BuySafeStep.com

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub.
Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase.
Offer available while supplies last. No cash value.
Must present offer at time of purchase.



"Trust me, your body will thank you!"

– Terry Bradshaw

1-800-699-3186

FINANCING
AVAILABLE
WITH APPROVED
CREDIT



OUR MOST COMFORTABLE MEN'S SHOES EVER!

FREE SHIPPING!



LEATHER SLIP-ONS

SAVE \$15

Only **29⁹⁹** per pair

Easy Slip On/Off Elastic Insets!

Breathable Mesh!

Soft, Supple Leather!

No-Slip Tread!

COPPER (D6)

SIZES UP TO 13EEE!

BLACK (01)

BROWN (04)

TAN (02)

NAVY (03)

TWO-TONE (L9)

EVA contributes to energy return

Latex padding helps with shock reduction

EVA inserts in heel and forepart for added shock absorption

TPR outsole for lightweight, flexible comfort

Fabric aids in moisture control

Perfs promote better air circulation

Heel cup enhances foot positioning

An instant casual favorite!

Glove-soft leather and airy mesh insets combine to create this comfy, contemporary shoe. Twin elastic insets for a great fit. Moisture-absorbing fabric lining with cushy foam backing. Padded collar and famous Tri-Level Comfort® insole. Flexible TPR outsole, treaded for traction. Imported.

D Widths: 7-10½, 11, 12, 13 ~~\$34.99~~ **\$29.99**

EEE Widths: 8-10½, 11, 12, 13 ~~\$39.99~~ **\$34.99**

Haband® PO Box 8, Warren, PA 16366-0008

☐ ☐ ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ Discover® ☐ AmEx ☐ Check

55085756

Card # _____ Exp.: ____/____
Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____
Address _____ Apt. # _____
City & State _____ Zip _____
Phone/Email _____

In the event of an issue with this order, you expressly consent to receiving autodialed and prerecorded message calls, from us, our agents and others calling at our request or on our behalf, at this telephone number (including any cellular telephone number).

I enclose \$ _____ purchase price, & only ~~\$5.99~~ shipping & handling for my entire order. Add applicable sales tax. (Sales tax is charged as required by law. We reserve the right to charge or collect applicable sales tax for your order, which may differ from the amount you provided. See our website or call customer service for sales tax information.)

Please use blue or black ink.

Search this code at **Haband.com** to get this price & **FREE Shipping!**

*Valid on standard shipping for areas served by the US Postal Service.

71X-42J6W		WHAT SIZE?	WHAT WIDTH?	HOW MANY?
D6	COPPER			
01	BLACK			
04	BROWN			
02	TAN			
03	NAVY			
L9	TWO-TONE			

Satisfaction Guaranteed or Full Refund of merchandise purchase price up to 90 days after receipt.

When you pay by check, you authorize us to use information from your check to clear it electronically. Funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

Call Now! 1-800-742-2263
OR Shop at Haband.com